

**Harold Theurer**

Aug. 26, 1921-Sept. 28, 2009

Services for Harold E. Theurer, 88, 5955 East 700 South, Portland, will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in St. James Lutheran Church in Salamonia with Bruce Bair and Pastor Doug Meyer officiating. He died Monday at Jay County Hospital.

Born in Madison Township to Charles and Adna (Griesinger) Theurer, he graduated from Madison Township High School in 1939. He was preceded in death on Dec. 7, 1995, by his wife Ruth Evelyn Smith, whom he married on April 8, 1945.

A farmer in Madison Township for many years, he was also a bus driver for Madison Township School and Jay School Corporation for more than 40 years.

He was named Optimist of the Year in 2002 and FFA Farmer of the Year in 2004 and was a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Salamonia and Portland Morning Optimist Club.

Survivors include three sons, Dennis E. Theurer, Westfield, Dale E. Theurer, Reston, Va., and Dean E. Theurer, Greenfield; a daughter, Mrs. Phil (Connie E.) Bailey, Indianapolis; seven grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.

Visitation is Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church. Burial will be in Salamonia Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Jay County Heart Fund or St. James Lutheran Church with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to [www.williamsonspencer.com](http://www.williamsonspencer.com).

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