

James F. Crosbie, age 93, 260 South Union Street Pennville passed away Wednesday in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare in Portland. He was born in Pennville May 15, 1920 the son of John and Ruby (Willson) Crosbie. He was married August 4, 1946 to Helen M. Moses who survives. He graduated from Pennville High School in 1938 and Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1947. He was a U.S. Army WW II veteran as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne and saw action in Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Holland, Battle of the Bulge and Germany. He received a Purple Heart, Bronze Arrowhead, Six Battle Stars and Good Conduct Medal. He was owner of Crosbie Funeral Home in Pennville, worked for Baird-Freeman Funeral Home and Walker Funeral Home, Pennville Town Marshall, worked for Pennville Custom Cabinets, Indiana Driver Examiner and Baliff for Jay Circuit Court retiring in 2000 at the age of 80.

He was a member of Pennville United Methodist Church, Pennville Masonic Lodge #212 for seventy two years, Pennville O.E.S., Past Commander of American Legion Post #482 and a member for seventy two years, Pennville Fire Dept. for twenty five years, Lifetime member of IVFA, Museum of the Soldier, Jay County Historical Society, Past President of Pennville Lions Club, Salamonia V.F.W. and D.A.V. in Portland.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years Helen, One son John C. Crosbie (Wife Kathy) of Dunkirk and one daughter Mrs. Larry (Pamela) Robinette of Fishers, Indiana, Seven grandchildren Julie (Greg) Buckner of Dunkirk, Jodi Landreth of Yorktown, In, Grandson William (Jennifer) Robinette of Wyomissing, Pa, Carrie (Blake) Furry of Springboro, Ohio, Jason (Sonja) Phillips of Portland, J.C. (Karen) Crosbie of Pennville and Adam (Honey) Crosbie of Elwood, thirteen great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister (Glennis Rose) and brother Charles Crosbie.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2:00 P.M. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Phillips presiding. Burial will follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville with full military graveside rites. Visitation will be Friday from 3:00 – 7:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Museum of the Soldier, Pennville Fire Department or Pennville United Methodist Church.

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