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Father of Mrs. Ray (Sue Ellen) Paxson of rural Bryant, Kenneth D. Rippey, 71, Pennville, died Tuesday afternoon, July 6, [2004] at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. Born Sept. 10, 1932 in Laclede County, Mo., to Emit and Pearl Eilenstine Rippy, he graduated from Pennville High School in 1951. He served in the United States Army during the early 1950's. He was a member of the Pennville United Methodist Church, the Pennville American Legion, The Portland Disabled American Veterans, the 40 & 8 Club of Portland and the Pennville International Order of Odd Fellows. In September of 1990, Mr. Rippy became the second Portland resident to receive a heart transplant. In addition to the rural Bryant daughter, he is survived by a son, Brian, of Ridgeville; two sisters, Ida Bernice Wayman of Pennville and Barbara Cansler, Wabash; and three grandchildren. Two brothers preceded him in death. Services at 11 a.m. Friday will be at the Pennville Chapel of Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home. Pastor Richard Wafford will officiate and burial will follow in the Pennville IOOF Twin Hills Cemetery near Pennville. The Pennville American Legion will conduct full military graveside rites. Calling at the funeral home will be today from 4 to 8 p.m.. Memorials may be made to the First Responders of Pennville or the Pennville City Park.

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