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Donald Sheward

Sept. 10, 1926-Oct. 18, 2008

Donald R. Sheward Sr., 82, a former Portland resident, died Saturday at University Medical Center in Jackson, Miss.

Born in Pennville to Elvin Ray and Eva (Booher) Sheward, he was married on June 15, 1959, to Shirley Dragoo who survives.

A veteran of the United States Navy, serving during World War II, he trained harness racing horses for many years.

He was co-owner of Shirley Restaurant in Portland and a member of the American Legion.

Surviving besides his wife are two sons, Tom Sheward and Donald Sheward, both of West Point, Miss.; three daughters, Jessica Fairbrother, Tupelo, Miss., Reba Sheward, Starkville, Miss., and Donna Cherry, Portland; two sisters, Renee Sheward, Cleveland, and Dorothy Furness, Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services are Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville.

Visitation is Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Contributed by Jane Edson