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LOWELL J. STRAIT, 86, died Tuesday at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. Born in Keystone, he retired in 1986 as owner and operator of Strait Trucking Co. in Pennville. He had been a truck driver for Mason Dixon and Craig Trucking of Albany. He also retired in 1997 as a farmer and had raised beef cattle in Jackson Township. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Georgetta L. in 1967 and his second wife, Wavalene in 1988. Surviving are his wife, Linda Ann; two daughters, Mary Lou Isch of Ossian and Glenda Williams of Portland; two stepsons, Les Bourne of Redkey and Roland S. Walker of Indianapolis; two stepdaughters, Nancy R. Bourne and Suzanne Iliff, both of Attica; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren. He also was preceded in death by a son, William H. earlier this year. Services at 1 p.m. Friday at Pennville United Methodist Church. Calling from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Pennville Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home. Burial in Pennville I.O.O.F. Twin Hills Cemetery. Memorials to Georgetta Strait Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Portland Foundation.

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