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Clarence R. Russell

May 9, 1919-Jan. 17, 1999

PORTLAND Clarence Robert "Bob" Russell, 79, Portland, died Sunday morning at Swiss Village in Berne following an extended illness.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., he was the son of Ralph and Mary (Barton) Kelso. He was raised in Jay County by John and Rebecca Rook. He married Mary R. Denney on Jan. 1, 1946, and she survives.

He was a World War II Army veteran and retired in 1982 from Sheller Globe Corp. after 37 years service. He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons No. 87, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 91 and Am

erican Legion Post No. 211, all of Portland, Mizpah Temple Shrine and Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, and Veterans of Foreign Wars of Salamonia.

Surviving with his wife of Swiss Village, Berne, are two sons: Andy J. Russell of Bedford and Jerry D. Russell of Portland; one daughter, Carolyn Sue Bruner of Bluffton; and five granddaughters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home, Portland, with Pastor Gerald Hewson officiating. Burial will follow in the IOOF Twin Hills Cemetery, Pennville, with graveside military rites accorded by members of American Legion Post No. 211, Portland.

Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home where the Portland Masonic Lodge will conduct a Masonic memorial service at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mercer County Hospice or to Swiss Village, Berne.

**Contributed by Jane Edson**