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Teddy Bessesen

Dec. 5, 1942 - Nov. 5, 2009

Teddy P. Bessesen Sr., 66, 617 Pierce St., Ridgeville, died Thursday at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born in Ephrata, Wash., he was the son of Peter and Goldie (Tuttle) Bessesen. He was married on Feb. 1, 1974 to Catherine Hicks, who survives.

He served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, then in the U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard, retiring in 1994.

A truck driver, he was a member of American Legion Post 211, Portland, and the Fort Recovery Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Teddy Bessesen, Geneva, and Timothy Bessesen, Portland; a daughter, Catherine Bessesen, Ridgeville; a foster son, Kyle Wellington, Ridgeville; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, with Pastor Esther Kershaw officiating. Burial will be in Antioch Cemetery, rural Portland, with military rites by American Legion Post 211.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be offered at www.bairdfreeman.com.