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Robert Coats

Jan. 13, 1928-April 17, 2012

Services for Robert "Bob" Coats, 84, rural Portland, are Friday at 11 a.m. at Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home in Portland with Pastor Billy Stanton officiating. He died Tuesday at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre in Portland. Born in Marion, Ohio, to Bernard and Minnie (Abbott) Coats, he was a 1945 graduate of Governor I.P. Gray High School. He was preceded in death in 2008 by his wife Nadine (Smith) Coats whom he married on June 18, 1950. Together they were caretakers of Antioch Cemetery for many years. A veteran of the United States Army, he was a former Pike Township Trustee and retired from Portland Forge in 1990 after 37 years of service. He attended Collett Nazarene Church and was a member of American Legion Post No. 211 in Portland. Surviving are two sons, Junior Coats (wife: Ellen), and Jerry Coats (wife: Norreen), both of Portland; three daughters, Vivian Green and Pam Rogers (husband: Eric), both of Portland, and Teresa Buckingham (husband: Jerry), Lowell, Mich.; a brother, Don Coats (wife: Idola), Selma; a sister, Maxine Garringer, Portland; 11 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren. Visitation is today from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Antioch Cemetery, southeast of Portland, with military graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post No. 211. Memorials may be sent to the Antioch Cemetery Memorial Fund. Condolences may be sent to [www.williamsonspencer.com](http://www.williamsonspencer.com).