

Naomi R. Rowles, 81, Winchester, a Jay County native, died Tuesday at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital in Winchester.

Born in Jay County on Jan. 25, 1927, to Oscar and Emma (Burkey) Smith, she attended Portland High School. She was married in 1978, to Carl R. Rowles, who died in 1997.

A member of Grace Baptist Church of Winchester, she had worked for Champion Homes, for several years.

Survivors include two sons, Steven L. Miller and Glen Miller, both of rural Portland; a sister, Esther M. Strait, Portland; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services are Friday at 10 a.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bill Hardwick presiding. Burial will be in Antioch Cemetery, southeast of Portland. Visitation is Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

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