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Mary Jane Franks, 81, Frostproof, Fla., a former Portland resident, died Thursday at the Good Shepard Hospice in Auburndale, Fla.

Born March 6, 1924, in Fairmount, to Adam and Nina (Steelman) Bates, she attended Portland High School.

She married George J. Franks on Aug. 3, 1946. He survives in Florida.

Former owner and operator of Mary Jane's Antiques in Portland, she had worked at Sheller-Globe Corp. during World War II.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Linda) Ludwick, Muncie; a son, George R. "Butch" Franks, Lorida, Fla; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home with Pastor Hugh Kelly officiating. Burial will be in the Center Cemetery, west of Portland.

Visitation is Monday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to Good Shepard Hospice, 105 Armeson Avenue, Auburndale, FL 33823.