

Della M. Kennedy, 71, Winchester, died Thursday at the St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, after an extended illness.

Born on Feb. 7, 1933, in Portland, she was the daughter of Benjamin and Mable (Cordray) Gillum. A bookkeeper at Randolph Financial Services in Winchester, she was a past senior regent and star recorder for the Women of the Moose No. 1618. She was married to Ray J. Kennedy, who died in 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Michael Kennedy, Winchester, and Steven Kennedy, Goodland; four daughters, Ellen Ford, Winchester, Mrs. Kent (Teresa) Shinn, Winchester, Mrs. Eddy (Patricia) Lee, Pell City, Ala., and Mrs. Tom (Deborah) Smith, Newville, Pa.; five sisters, Mrs. Paul (Mary) Smith, Winchester, Mrs. Brian (Shirley) Gullett, Windsor, Mrs. Clifford (Lois) Norman, Portland, Mrs. Dennis (Martha) Oliver, West Jefferson, Ohio, and Linda Gillum, California; three brothers, Jack Gillum, Corpus Cristi, Texas, Robert Gillum, Daleville, and David Kneuss, Indianapolis; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Thayer Funeral Home, Winchester, with Rev. Jeffrey Bullard officiating. Burial will be in Center Cemetery, Portland.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the dialysis unit of St. Vincent Randolph Hospital.

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