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Elizabeth Cheeseman

March 3, 1931-Sept. 2, 2011

Elizabeth Margaret Cheeseman, 80, formerly of 5380 South U.S. 27, Portland, died today at Persimmon Ridge in Portland. Born in Delaware County to AC and May (Hollingsworth) Cheeseman, she graduated from Portland High School in 1949 and earned a bachelor's degree in library science from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. She earned a master's degree in library science from Chicago University and a doctorate in library science from the University of Illinois. Serving as the head of the Institutional Library for the State of Pennsylvania for more than 20 years, she had also taught in Coldwater, Mich., for three years. She was owner and operator of The Corner Store in Portland for several years, where she sold books and other items. Serving as secretary/treasurer for the National Librarians Association, she also attended Blaine United Methodist Church. Surviving are four sisters, Cora May McLaughlin and Gloria A. Green, both of rural Portland, Sara Cline (husband: John), Greenfield, and Dixie K. Batt (husband: Tom), Winchester; two brothers, Chester Cheeseman (wife: Hilda), rural Portland, and Phillip A. Cheeseman (wife: Lynn), West Lafayette. Services are Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home in Portland with Pastor Mike Harris officiating. Burial will be in Claycomb Cemetery, southwest of Portland. Visitation is one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the funeral home.