

Velma Beard, 91, 207 W. Race St., Portland, died Sunday evening at Jay County Hospital following a brief illness.

Mrs. Beard had worked at the former Arn's Jewelry Store and Hunt's Studio before retirement.

She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church and the American Legion Auxiliary of Portland.

Born Jan. 22, 1902, in Jay County, she was the daughter of Finley and Stella Myrtle (Jones) Reeves. She was married to Paul H. Beard who died in 1963.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Jane) Arnold, Portland; one brother, Robert Reeves, Mobile, Ala.; one sister, Virginia Gibson, Portland; two grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

Services are set for 1 pm Thursday in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, with Rev. William Knight officiating. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery.

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