

Betty J. Esser, 76, Portland, died Thursday [3/20/2008] at Persimmon Ridge.

Born on Jan. 22, 1932, in Winston, Ky., to John W. and Ida (Johnson) White, she graduated from Portland High School in 1950.

She was a switchboard operator with the telephone company in Portland for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Mark A. Esser, Little Rock, Ark., and John E. Esser, Conway, Ark.; a daughter, Karen E. Moore, Clewiston, Fla.; three sisters, Marjorie Cottingham and Evelyn Dunmoyer, both of Portland, and Ollie Caster, Anderson.

Services are Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home with the Rev. Will Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Visitation is Saturday from noon until time of services at the funeral home.

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