

John Finch, 78, 404 N. Meridian St., Redkey, a retired Portland grain elevator owner and Jay County farmer, died Sunday evening at Portland Community Care Center West following an extended illness.

Finch and his father owned and operated the O. T. Finch and Son elevator in Portland for many years. After the close of the elevator, Finch was then a feed salesman for Farm Bureau Co-Op in Portland for five years.

Born November 8, 1914, in Portland, he was the son of Oscar Thurman and Sarah Hazel (Grimes) Finch. He was married November 9, 1935 to Margaret Mills, who survives.

Surviving besides his wife are one sister, Mrs. George "Wood" Brown, Stark, Fla.; one niece and one nephew.

Services are set for 2 pm Wednesday in the Redkey Chapel of MJS Mortuaries with the Rev. Alan Brackman and the Rev. Dennis Bollenbacher officiating. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery.

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