

Vernia Finch, 97, Kenney Health Care Center, Ligonier, a former Portland resident, died Tuesday at the center following an extended illness.

A former resident of Portland, she had resided at 565 S. Meridian St.

Born in Washington County on Nov. 13, 1894, she was the daughter of William and Hannah Cromer. She was married May 18, 1918 to Joseph Riley Finch, who died September 18, 1967.

She and her husband owned and operated the College Corner Store for many years. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Women of the Moose and Wednesday morning breakfast club, all in Portland.

Surviving are two nieces, Mildred Haffner and Anna Belle Conner, both of Portland.

Funeral services will be held at 2 pm Thursday at the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with the Rev. Clarence Brock officiating. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 10 am until the time of services.

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