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Betty Ford

April 6, 1919-Nov. 11, 2008

Betty Ford, 89, died early today at Persimmon Ridge in Portland.

Born in Bryant to Beryl and Inez (Ashcraft) Miller, she was married on Dec. 27, 1941, to Hugh Ford who died on Dec. 22, 2006.

A beautician, she was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, Psi Iota Xi Sorority and Jay County Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include three sons, David Ford and Bill Ford, both of Portland, and Tom Ford, Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter, Barbara Lewis, San Antonio; a brother, Jim Miller, Portland; a sister, Nancy Hampson, Portland; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services are Friday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Portland, with the Rev. Robert Moran officiating. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery.

Visitation is Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with a scripture reading at 7 p.m.

Memorials may be sent to State of the Heart Hospice.

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