

Kenneth Kirby, 84, a resident of Portland Community Care Center West and a former resident of 915 W. Walnut St., Portland, died early today at Jay County Hospital.

A former city and county councilman, Kirby owned and operated the Texaco Service Station in downtown Portland for many years. He attended the former Wesleyan Church.

Born Jan. 5, 1908, in Jay County, he was the son of James and Laura (Myers) Kirby. He was married June 29, 1932, to Chella Robinson, and she died Nov. 6, 1989.

Surviving are one son, Paul Kirby, Muncie; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Paula) Ruddell, Indianapolis; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and one niece.

Services are set for 10 am Wednesday in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland with Rev. Lavene Brosher officiating. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Support and Awareness or to the Jay County Cancer Society.

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