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Dr. Alfonso E. Lopez, whose career in medicine took him from the remote hills of Mexico to a practice for nearly 25 years in Jay County, died late Monday evening at Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, after a brief illness.

He was 85.

A resident of 446 W. Arch St., Portland, he established his practice here in 1965, retiring in 1989.

Born on Aug. 2, 1920 in Salamanca, Mexico, he was the son of Emetrio and Pomposa (Escobar) Lopez. He was married on July 19, 1949 to Matilde Perez, who survives.

Dr. Lopez received his medical degree from the University of Mexico.

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