

Elnora Meryl Minch, 97, a former resident of Munson Avenue in Portland, died Thursday evening at Westminster Village in Muncie following an extended illness.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Portland, was past president of the Jay County Hospital Auxiliary where she served more than 5,000 volunteer hours, was past president of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 2111, member of the DAR and the 8 and 40.

She retired from the Jay Garment Co. in 1960 after starting work there in 1919.

Born May 18, 1895, in Jay County, she was the daughter of George W. and Edna (Daugherty) Gierhart. She was married in 1940 to Edmund J. Minch, who died in 1964.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Private services will be held at the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery.

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