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HELEN M. NIXON, 76, died Saturday at home. Born in Johnstown, Pa., she worked in the polio epidemics in Minnesota, Iowa and New York and started and designed a physical therapy department at Abbott Hospital in Minneapolis. She also helped with the beginning of Portland Presbyterian Nursery School Meals on Wheels program and was a teacher's aide at East Elementary. Her husband, Cleatus E., died in 1995.

Surviving are a son, Michael; a brother, Trabert Felix of Puerto Rico; three sisters, Betty Felix of North Carolina, Jean Sell of Lancaster, Pa., and Nancy Cernic of Johnstown, Pa.; and a grandchild. Services at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland. Calling from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Burial in Green Park Cemetery. Memorials to Mercer County Hospice or Friends of the Jay County Library.

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