

Erta Marie "Mert" Spencer, 85, 316 W. Main St., Portland, died Saturday evening at her home.

Born to Harry and Suzannah (Weimer) Stauffer on April 20, 1918, in Randolph County, she married Robert Spencer on Sept. 25, 1937. He died Feb. 29, 1988.

She worked for 10 years at the Jay Garment Corp., Portland; five years at Bearcreek Farms; and for 20 years was a day care provider. She was a member of the Portland American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are two daughters, Edna Wall and Esta M. Burgess, both of Portland; two sons, Larry E. Spencer, Springfield, Ohio, and Wayne A. Spencer, Portland; one sister, Helen Mills, Albany; one brother, Hubert Stauffer, Albany; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services are Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson Spencer Funeral Home with Pastor Hugh Kelly officiating. Burial will follow in Green Park Cemetery, Portland. Visitation is Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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