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Jo Takats

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Jo Irene Takats, 91, 503 W. Walnut St., Portland, died Friday morning at Persimmon Ridge Care Facility, Portland, following an illness of several years. An elementary teacher for 33 years, she began her career in education in a one-room schoolhouse in Jay County. She went on to teach at Gov. I.P. Gray School in Jefferson Township, then in Berne, and finally at Judge Haynes Elementary School, Portland. Born in Parke County, she was the daughter of Frank and Hazel (Livengood) Porter. She graduated from Portland High School in 1937 and was married on Dec. 21, 1942 to Gabor J. Takats. He died April 3, 2008. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and the Mississinewa Chapter of the D.A.R. and was a 76-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Portland. For many years, she was a volunteer with the Jay County Chapter of the American Red Cross during its blood drives. Surviving are a son, John Stephen Takats (wife: Sheila), rural Portland; two sisters, Kate Juillerat (husband: Jon), rural Portland, and Helen Roof, Anderson; two granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren. Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Portland Chapel of Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home, with Pastor Tim Dilley officiating. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery, Portland. Friends may call at the funeral home from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday prior to the service. Memorials may be made to the Jay County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Online condolences may be expressed at www.williamsonspencer.com.

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