

Esther [Whitacre], 84, 422 Reed St., Portland, died at 2:08 p.m., at Persimmon Ridge Healthcare.

She was born to Walter and Florentine (Miller) Loy. On Dec. 29, 1942, she married Joseph Whitacre, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph (Donna), Fort Recovery, OH, and Robert (Barbara), Palmetto, FL; a daughter Brenda (Rex) Ehrhart, Portland; a brother, Harold Loy, Arcola, IL; a sister, Edna (Arthur) Garringer, Indianapolis; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She worked for Naas Foods for more than 30 years, retiring in 1986. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Portland, and its Rosary Sodality, the Portland Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Portland Moose Lodge.

Funeral Mass is at the church, the Rev. Robert Moran officiating.

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