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OPAL L. ZERKEL, 92, died Thursday at Jay County Hospital. Born in Lafayette, she retired from G.C. Murphy after 22 years. Her husband, Alden, died in 1977. Surviving are two sons, Jack of Winchester and Marvin of Bradenton, Fla.; two daughters, Norma Hedges and Marilyn Jackson, both of Portland; a brother, Clarence Robbins of Portland; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Services at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland. Calling from 4 to 8 p.m. today. Burial in Green Park Cemetery, Portland. Memorials to Jay County Heart Fund or Cancer Society.

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