

## **Commercial Review, The (Portland, IN) - Tuesday, October 12, 2004**

Velma E. Champ, 83, 804 W. Race St., Portland, died early this morning at her home following an extended illness.

Born in Jay County on June 03, 1921, she was the daughter of Fred and Viola (Overla) Shaneyfelt, Sr. She was married Dewey M. Champ on July 17, 1948. He died Jan. 6, 1973.

She attended school in Pennville.

A sewing machine operator, she worked at Jay Garment Company for 54 years from 1943 to 1997.

She is survived by two sisters, Helen M. Nevil, Portland, Mrs. Tom (Geraldine) Simos, Albany and several nieces and nephews, including Gary Shaneyfelt, Salamonia, who was raised in her home.

Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Ward officiating. Burial will be in Maple Lawn Cemetery, east of Pennville. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Contributed by Jane Edson**