

## Ruth Cook

Ruth Ellen Newton Cook, 62, 1320 Meadow Lane, died Friday at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, following a brief illness.

She was born April 17, 1929 in Portland, the daughter of Lee Roy and Frances (Frogge) Axe. She was first married on April 19, 1946 to Harold Newton. He died July 11, 1989. She was then married on Aug. 10, 1991 to William E. "Woody" Cook, who survives.

She was a member of the Faith Baptist Church and the Ladies Wednesday Morning Breakfast Club. She retired in 1984 from New Idea, Coldwater, Ohio, where she had worked for 35 years. She was an executive secretary at the time of her retirement.

Other survivors include her mother, Frances Axe, Portland; one sister, Mrs. Paul (Betty) Schmidt, Payne, Ohio; one brother, Robert L. Axe, Portland; two stepsons, William A. Cook, Muncie, and Robert L. Cook, Portland; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Allen (Karen) Riddley, Chatham, Ill., and Mrs. Joe (Kristy) Duddy, Bristol; and 12 stepgrandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Faith Baptist Church with the Rev. Linwood Doane officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, east of Portland.

Friends may call at the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. The family will be present at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. and 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday. The family will receive callers at the church one hour prior to services on Monday.

Memorials may be made to the Faith Baptist Church or to the Jay County Cancer Society.

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