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Ruth E. Brinkerhoff, 87, 081 East 200 South, Portland, died this morning at her home following an extended illness.

Born Dec. 29, 1916 in Jay County, she was the daughter of Ara and Ruth Alda (Caster) Smith. She was married Dec. 30, 1934 to Calvin W. Brinkerhoff, who died Nov. 28, 1976.

An avid gardner, she was well-known in the area for growing gladiolas.

Survivors include three sons, David E., Larry W. and Ken R. Brinkerhoff, all of Portland; a brother, Clyde E. Smith, Portland; four sisters, Jennie Corle, Thelma Spitzer Bock and Freda Fiely, all of Portland, and Marie Shephard, Alamogordo, N.M.; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home with Pastor Roy Bennett officiating. Burial will be in the Salamoniam Cemetery. Friends may call Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice of Jay County.

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