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Services for Ardith Smiley Eley, 95, Clinton, Miss., are Friday at 11 a.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home with Pastor Greg Rittenhouse officiating. A former Portland resident, she died Monday at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, Miss.

Born on June 8, 1912, in Madison Township to Edward and Lola (Downing) Smiley, she graduated from Madison Township High School in 1929. She also earned an associate's degree in education from Ball State University and graduated from West Chester University in West Chester, Pa.

She was married on May 19, 1934, to Gale W. Eley, who died on Feb. 20, 2005.

She taught school in Newton Square, Penn., and taught kindergarten in Jay County from 1965-67. She retired as a substitute teacher in the Jay School Corporation in 1978.

Memberships include United Methodist Women, Plant, Hoe and Hope Garden Club, National Education Association, Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland and a former member of Jay County Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include a son, Richard Eley, Clinton; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Salamonia Cemetery in Salamonia.

Memorials may be sent to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.williamsonspencer.com.

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