

## **Commercial Review, The (Portland, IN) - Tuesday, October 19, 2010**

Helen LeMaster

Feb. 12, 1924-Oct. 18, 2010

Helen E. LeMaster, 86, a former resident of Race Street in Portland and Madison Township in Jay County, died Monday at Persimmon Ridge in Portland. Born in Salamoniam to Carl and Ruth (Corle) Pease, she attended Madison Township High School and returned to school in her 60s to take a government class and graduated from Jay County High School . She was preceded in death on March 27, 1973, by her husband John L. LeMaster Jr., whom she married on Oct. 22, 1941. They worked together at Jay County Retirement Center from 1972 to 1973. She had worked at the Jay County Treasurer's office and Jay County Auditor's office. A charter member of the Portland Evening Optimist Club, she was a member of Jay County Republican Women, Salamoniam Christian Church until it closed and then became a member of Southside Church of Christ in Portland. Survivors include four sons, J. Leland LeMaster (wife: Judy) and Terry W. LeMaster (wife: Gisela), both of Portland, C. Douglas LeMaster, Union City, and Gary L. LeMaster (wife: Gloria), Redkey; a daughter, Jeanine Kay LeMaster, Portland; a sister, Jill Garringer, Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Services are Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Portland Chapel of Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home with Minister Flint Redwine officiating. Burial will be in Salamoniam Cemetery. Visitation is Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to Madison Township Alumni Association or Shults and Lewis Children's Home with envelopes available at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to [www.williamsonspencer.com](http://www.williamsonspencer.com).

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