

## **Bluffton News-Banner, Wells County, IN; Wednesday, April 4, 2007**

Wanda Lou Stewart, 78, of Portland, the mother of Bluffton resident Julie Thompson, died on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at Americare Living Center in Portland.

She was born in Jay County on Nov. 14, 1928, the daughter of Orla and Cora (Bibler) Journey. She was married in 1950 to Merle Stewart who survives.

She retired from Citizens Bank and had worked at Haynes Milling.

She is survived by her husband Merle, her daughter Julie Thompson, her sons Greg Stewart of Portland and Gary Stewart of Portland, her brother William Journey of Decatur and her sister Olive Lose of Decatur, along with 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland. Services are on Friday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Joe Hines presiding.

Burial will follow in the Salamonina Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Fairview United Methodist Church or State of the Heart, Home Health and Hospice.

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