

News-Sentinel, The (Fort Wayne, IN) - Sunday, August 24, 2003

MILDRED L. HARRIS-BRINCKERHOOF, 75, of Portland, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2003. Arrangements by Williamson & Spencer Funeral Homes, Portland Chapel.

Commercial Review, The (Portland, IN) - Tuesday, August 26, 2003

Mildred L. Harris-Brinckerhoof, 75, 5181 West 200 North, Portland, died Friday at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie following a brief illness.

She was born on Nov. 14, 1927 in Randolph County as the daughter of George E. and Ruth L. (Tomlinson) Bales.

Harris-Brinckerhoff was first married on July 3, 1952 to Charles P. Harris, who died Jan. 26, 1963.

She was then remarried on Oct. 24, 1964 to John W. Brinckerhoof, who died Jan. 21, 1989.

She graduated in 1945 from Greene Township School in Randolph County. Later, she graduated from Amber's Beauty School in 1963.

She retired as a beautician with more than 30 years experience.

She first worked from a shop in her home, then worked at Country Corner Coiffures in Fiat and finally began working in 1989 at Community Care West in Portland.

She was also a member of the Walnut Corner Church.

Surviving are: One son, Mike Harris, rural Portland; two daughters, Mrs. Larry (Nellie) Phillips, rural Ridgeville; and Mrs. Steve (Charlene) Wilder, of rural Portland; one sister, Elsie Bales, Marion; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Walnut Corner Church at the corner of county roads 200 North and 500 West. Pastors Claude Creel and Steve Rogers will preside.

Burial will follow in the Pennville Twin Hills IOOF Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 until 8 p.m. at the Portland Chapel of the Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home and again from 10 until 11 a.m. at the church on Wednesday.

Memorials may be directed to the Walnut Corner Church Building Fund.

Contributed by Jane Edson