

Mary M. Whiteman, age 92, 709 East Race Street and resident of Swiss Village in Berne passed away early Tuesday morning in Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

She was born in Jay County on March 7, 1918, the daughter of Walter and Clara Francis (Trueblood) Metz. She was married to Clifford Simons who passed away in 1967, and then to Burl V. Whiteman who passed away in 1999.



She was a court reporter and legal secretary working in the Jay County Courthouse. She was a wonderful cook and created many wedding cakes for family and friends. She was a member of the Eastern Star and American Legion Aux., both in Portland.

Surviving are four sons, C. Gene Simons of Delavan, WI, Laurence E. Simons of Seattle, WA, David W. Simons of Delavan, WI and Philip M Simons of Dayton, OH; three daughters, Virginia Fennig of Redkey, IN, Jacqueline Pickett of Sheridan, IN and Michelle Spahr of Indianapolis, IN; sister in law Gertrude Metz of Portland, IN, twenty one grandchildren, twenty five great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Visitation will be Saturday at 10 A.M. followed by a memorial service at the Baird Funeral Home with Tom Lightle presiding at 11:00 A.M. Burial will follow in the Riverside Cemetery in Geneva, IN. Memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society or to the Jay County Heart Fund.

**Baird-Freeman Funeral Home online obit (accessed 5/13/2015)**