Ellen Ackron, 78, 1347 S. Meridian St., Portland, died early Friday afternoon at Jay County Hospital.

She was a 1933 graduate of Portland High School and the owner/operator of a drive-in theatre in Noblesville from 1954 to 1980. After retirement, she returned to Portland and worked at the former Hines Theater.

Mrs. Ackron was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority and OES Portland Chapter No. 91.

Born November 9, 1914 in Bellefontaine, Ohio, she was the daughter of George and Martha (Elliott) Ackron.

Surviving are one brother, James Ackron, McHenry, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. George (Mary) Mangas, Elwood; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services are set for 11 am Monday in the Green Park Cemetery Chapel with Father Alexander Papagikos officiating.

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