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NILDA JEAN AYERS, 74, died Saturday at Chalet Village, Berne. Born in Indianapolis, she was a secretary for McDonald's Restaurants. Surviving are her husband, Byron; four sons, Edward of Bloomington, and Alan and Michael, both of Portland, and David of Chandler, Ariz.; two daughters, Christine Ayers of Wenham, Mass., and Julie Ingle of Portland; and seven grandchildren. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland. Calling from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday. Burial in Green Park Cemetery, Portland. Memorials to Ronald McDonald House, Northeast Indiana Hospice or Jay County Cancer Society.

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