

**ADDA E. AYRES**

Mrs. Adda E. Ayres, 81, 624 E. Arch St., Portland, Ind., passed away Thursday evening at Jay County Hospital in Portland following an illness of three weeks. She was the widow of Edgar Ayres who preceded her in death in August of 1949.

She was born March 9, 1893, in Delaware County, Ind., the daughter of James William and Anna Michaels St. Clair.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Portland Garden Club, treasurer of Dwarf Iris Society and honorary judge of the American Iris Society.

She is survived by three sons, Dr. David S. Ayres of Hillsboro, Carey Ayres of Whiting, Ind., and Donald E. Ayres of Portland, Ind.; three daughters, Mrs. Elsie A. Zuercher and Mrs. Charles (Patricia) Balle, both of Portland, Ind., and Mrs. Walter F. (Rosemary) Hollis of Hillsboro; 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland, Ind. Dr. Orrin Manifold will officiate with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery of Redkey, Ind. Calling hours at the funeral home are after 2 p.m. Saturday until time of services.

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