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Lois W. Besser, 79, Spencer Street, Redkey, died Sunday at her home.

Born in Lawrence County on Aug. 18, 1927, she was the daughter of William and Chloe (Vanoy) Cochran.

She had served on the Redkey Town Board and Redkey Chamber of Commerce, where she was past president.

Graduating from Amber's Beauty School in 1967, she was a self-employed beautician in Redkey for several years.

She had also worked at Anchor Hocking in Winchester for nine years.

Survivors include four sons, Mark Winningham, Muncie, Max Winningham, Fort Wayne, Tony Besser, Dunkirk, and Steve Besser, Albany; three daughters, Mrs. Donnie (Debbie) James, Redkey, Mrs. Trent (Carla) Durham, Winchester, and Mrs. Robert (Carlotta) Coopridner, Yorktown; five sisters, Lela Hatzell, Albany, Virginia Champ, Ruth Lloyd and Mrs. Rex (Viola) Ogden, all of Redkey, and Melba Cushman, Bellevue, Ohio; a brother, Vernon Cochran, Redkey; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services are Thursday at 11 a.m. at M.J.S. Mortuaries-Redkey Chapel. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Visitation is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society of Portland.

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