

Rita Lynne Fairchild age 49, 703 East High Street Portland passed away early Sunday morning at her sister's residence here in Portland.

She was born in Libertyville, Illinois on May 11, 1964 the daughter of William and Lucille (Bleile) Fairchild. She was a 1982 Jay County High School graduate and graduate of International Business College. She was a secretary for Wells County Department of Child Services for twenty nine years. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her parents William and Lucille Fairchild of Portland, companion Bruce Williamson of Portland, brother Robert Fairchild of Portland, two sisters Donna Bailey and Faye Bailey both of Portland, two nieces and two nephews.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11:00 A.M. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Strietelmeier presiding. Burial will follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville. Visitation will be Saturday from 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Jay County Humane Society or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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