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Richard O. "Sonny" Manley, 74, Decatur, died at 7:32 a.m. Wednesday in Adams County Memorial Hospital after being in failing health for six years.

He was born on December 21, 1924, in Decatur to Chancy O. and Mary M. Julian Manley and married Mildred Knittle on February 14, 1953; she survives.

He retired in 1993 after a 35 year career at Gilpin Inc of Decatur, working as a welder. He was a member of Moose Lodge 1311. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6236, and American Legion, Post 43 --- al in Decatur. During World War II, he served with the U. S. Army in Europe.

Other survivors are three sons, Michael O. Manley, of Van Wert, Ohio; Timothy V. Manley of Decatur; and Marvin L. Manley of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Patricia Bleeke of rural Decatur; Mrs. Jesse (Cindy) Mendez of Decatur; Mrs. Roger (Peggy) Geimer of Akley, Minnesota; and Mrs. David (Kathy) Brown of Monroe; six sisters, Edna Manley of Berne; Mildred Wolfe of Pleasant Mills; Mable Miller of Willshire, Ohio; Mrs. James (Velma) Penrod of Bluffton; Lois Agner of Leipsic, Ohio; and Mrs. Leonard (Marcile) King of rural Decatur; three brothers: H. Glen Manley, Kenneth Manley, and Lester Manley, all of rural Decatur; 29 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. A son and three sisters are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home. Decatur, with burial in Tricker Cemetery, rural Adams County, including a graveside military memorial service by the color guard from American Legion, Post 43.

Visiting hours are from 1 to 4 and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, with Moose memorial service at 8 p.m. Friday. The body will be in state from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday in Porter Auditorium at Woodcrest Retirement Community.

Preferred memorials are to the Timothy Manley Trust.

Contributed by Karin King