

Lester R. Cook, 90, a longtime Decatur resident, died at 7:30 p.m. December 8, 2000, in Woodcrest Health Care Center.

He was born on March 10, 1910 in Adams County to William H., and Pearl Gause Cook and married Margaret A. Burgo on November 21, 1934, she survives.

He retired from the former Hi-Way Service Auto Parts business of rural Decatur and served in the U. S. Army during World War 2. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6236 and American Legion Post 43, both in Decatur.

Other survivors are a son, Gerald J. Cook of Decatur; a daughter, Mrs. Ethel L. Bienz of Decatur; six brothers, Richard, Herbert, Wilbur and Virgil Cook, all of Decatur; Dale Cook of Ohio City, Ohio; and Willie Cook of Rome City; three sisters, Isabel King and Rosie Lough, both of Decatur; and Josephine Hirschy of Geneva; four grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Esther I. Shelton, a grandson, three sisters and two brothers are deceased. Funeral services were held December 11 at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home with burial in Ray Cemetery, west of Monroe.

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