

**Decatur Daily Democrat, Adams Co, IN; Wednesday, June 29, 1977**

Martha G. Essex, 73 a lifelong resident of Monroe, died at 10:44 a.m. Tuesday at the Adams County Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient the past 18 days.

She was a member of the Monroe United Methodist church and WSCS of the church, Better Homes Demonstration Club and had been active in Adams County Republican affairs for many years.

She was born in Adams County on August 4, 1903, the daughter of George and Ida Gephart Dague Jacobs and was married on December 10, 1921 to Clifford G. Essex, who died June 17, 1972.

Survivors include four children: Mrs. Lois Arends, Decatur; Mrs. Lynn (Georgianna) Crabbs, Fort Wayne, with whom she had made her home for the past six months; Lester, route 4, Columbia City; Glenn Essex, Fort Wayne; two brothers, Lawrence Jacobs, Decatur; Norman Jacobs of Florida; one step-sister, Mrs. Gladys Gibson, Hoagland; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. One stepsister, one stepbrother and one grandson preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Zwick funeral Home, with Rev. Donald E. Wilks officiating. Burial will be in the Ray Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. today.