James H. Roudebush, 50, owner and operator of the Shady Lawn Motel, 939 N. 13th street, died unexpectedly at 11:30 p.m. Saturday while fishing at a pond west of Decatur. He suffered a heart attack.

He was a former employe at the State Line Auto and was a master mechanic. Mr. Roudebush was a lifelong resident of Adams county.

Born in Monroe on April 25, 1923, he was the son of Wilmer and Margaret Coyne-Roudebush, and was married to Florence I Strickler on June 3, 1958.

Surviving are his mother and wife; five children, Ronald J. of Monroe; Richard A. of route 1, Berne; Mrs. Forest (Judith A.) Strickler of Decatur; Thomas D. of Ft. Bragg, N.C.; and Vickie L. Roudebush, at home; three stepsons, Clayton Strickler of Fort Wayne, Forest Strickler of Decatur and William D. Strickler, at home; one sister, Mrs. Franklin (Betty) Oliver of route 1, Monroe; two brothers, Arthur E. Roudebush of Monroe and Edward Roudebush of Kalamazoo, Mich.; one half-brother, Glen Roudebush of Canton, Ill.; and nine grandchildren. One grandchild precede him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Winteregg-Linn funeral home, with Rev. Norman Kuck officiating. Burial will be in the Ray cemetery, Monroe. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. tonight.

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