

Lester F. "Buss" Cowans

Decatur - 1914-2002

Lester F. "Buss" Cowans, 87, of Decatur, a member of Loyal Order of Moose 1311, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

The Adams County native retired in 1976 from Rea Magnet Wire after 35 years of service and was a member of Salem United Church of Christ in Mag-ley. He was a former member of Bluecreek and Bluffton Conservation Clubs. Surviving are sons Joe D. of Rockport, Jerry L., John A. and Thomas L., all of Decatur, and Daniel E. of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter, Marlene M. Boyle of Decatur; half brothers Wayne Mast of Rice Lake, Wis., Kenneth Mast of Coldwater, Mich., and Kurt Mast of Kalispell, Mont.; a half sister, Vera Putt of Sun City, Ariz.; 16 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie J., a sister and three half brothers. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Salem United Methodist Church of Christ, Magley, with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Memorials are to the church Building Fund.

Information provided by Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, 1-260-724-9164.

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LESTER F. "BUSS" COWANS, 87, a lifelong resident of Decatur, Indiana, passed away Friday at 5:50 a.m. in Adams County Memorial Hospital. He was born July 24, 1914 in Adams County, Indiana, the son of the late Franklin and Jessie (Striker) Cowans. He married Marie J. Scherry on May 19, 1934 in the Salem United Church of Christ, Magley, she preceded him in death December 4, 1997.

He was a member of Salem United Church of Christ, Magley, Decatur, Moose Lodge 1311, former member of Bluecreek and Bluffton Conservation Clubs. Mr. Cowans retired in 1976 from Rea Magnet Wire after 35 years of service.

Survivors include five sons and daughters-in-law, Joe D. and Shirley Cowans of Rockport, Indiana, Jerry L. and Linda Cowans of Decatur, Indiana, Daniel E. and Sharon Cowans of Springfield, Ohio, John A. and Susie Cowans and Thomas L. and Maryann Cowans, both of Decatur, Indiana; one daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. James (Marlene M.) Boyle of Decatur, Indiana; three half-brothers, Wayne Mast of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, Kenneth Mast of Coldwater, Michigan, Kurt Mast of Kaisell, Montana; one half-sister, Vera Putt of Sun City, Arizona; 16 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three half-brothers, Dennis, Earl and Clifton Mast and one sister, Marcile Mast.

Funeral services will be held Monday, February 4, 2002 at 11 a.m. in Salem United church of Christ, Magley, Indiana with Rev. Ray Scribner officiating. Burial in Salem United Church of Christ Cemetery, Magley. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday in the ZWICK & JAHN FUNERAL HOME, Decatur, Indiana and one hour prior to the services Monday in the church. Memorials may be made to Salem United Church of Christ Building Fund.

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