

Friday, Dec. 5, 1997

## MARIE J. COWANS

Marie J. Cowans, 80, 221 N. 16th St., died at 8 a.m. Thursday in the extended care unit at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

She was born on February 21, 1917 in Adams County to Daniel and Lydia Reppert Scherry. She married Lester F. Cowans on May 19, 1934; he survives.

She was a homemaker and a former 12-year employee of the Fairway Restaurant in Decatur. She was a member of Salem United Church of Christ at Magley and its Ladies Aid group.

Other survivors are a daughter, Marlene Boyle, Decatur; five sons, Joe D. Cowans, Rockport; Jerry L., John A. and Thomas L. Cowans, all of Decatur; and Daniel E. Cowans, Springfield, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. Gerald (Sally) Cook, Monroe; 16 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

A sister, Alma Wood, and a brother, Milton Scherry, are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Salem United Church of Christ, with burial in the church cemetery. Visiting hours are 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and 1-2 p.m. Sunday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to the church's building fund.

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