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Paul E. Rich, 63 years old, of Decatur, Indiana, passed away at noon on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Paul was born on Wednesday, September 20, 1944, in Upland, California, the son of the late Paul R. Rich and the late Mary F. (Koos) Rich Scheumann.

He married Sharon L. Straub on June 13, 1970, in Salem United Church of Christ, Magley, and she survives.

Paul was a member of the Salem United Church of Christ, Magley; Adams County Lodge No. 127 of the Fraternal Order of Police; the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police; the Michigan-Indiana-Ohio Law Enforcement Association; and the TROT-ABOUTS Trail Club. Paul was a graduate of the Pleasant Mills High School, Class of 1962.

Paul started working for WADM Radio, then worked for the Decatur Daily Democrat before going to the Decatur Police Department in 1969. Paul was a former Chief of Police for the Decatur Police Department from 1988 until his retirement on July 5, 1993, completing 24 years of service with the department. After his police career, he became a broadcaster and a news reporter on radio station WZBD in Adams County, starting in August of 1993.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon L. Rich of Decatur; one daughter, Cristina M. (Tony) Worth of Decatur; one son, Lynn E. (Carrie) Rich of Syracuse, Indiana; one step-brother, Rev. Leroy (Joyce) Scheumann of Isanti, Minnesota; one step-sister, Joan DeLaRosa of Las Vegas, Nevada; three granddaughters: Lauren Worth, Ashten Worth, and Morgan Rich; and one grandson, Julian Rich.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 12, 2008, in Salem United Church of Christ, Magley, with Pastor Linn Bartling officiating. Interment will follow in Salem U. C. C. Cemetery, Magley.

Friends will be received from 1-4:30 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Thursday, September 11, 2008, in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Preferred memorials are to the Music Fund at Salem U. C. C. Church, Magley.

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