

Eugene Sommer

Decatur - 1914-2000

Eugene Sommer, 86, of Decatur, a member of Salem United Church of Christ where he was a treasurer and trustee, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000, at home.

The Adams County native retired in 1982 after 25 years with Service Wayne Novelty Co. He was a charter member of Preble Volunteer Fire Fighting Association and treasurer for 19 years, and also a member of Moose Lodge 1311 in Decatur.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth M.; sons John T. and Paul A., both of Decatur, and Roger D. of Columbia City; daughters Barbara L. Cleveland of Anderson, S.C., and Rebecca K. of Decatur; brothers Willis and Rufus, both of Berne; sisters Lydia Lehman, Carolina Zumbrum and Hulda Lehman, all of Berne; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers Ernest, Walter and Otto; and sisters Louise Wall and Johanna.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today and a Moose service to follow. Burial will be at Salem-Magley Cemetery, Decatur.

Memorials are to the church.

Information provided by Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, 1-219-724-7167.

Contributed by Jane Edson

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Eugene J. Sommer, 86, rural Decatur, died Saturday at home. He was born on May 2, 1914 in Adams County to Abraham and Louise Fluckinger Sommer and married Ruth M. McBarnes on March 25, 1939; she survives.

He retired in 1982 after 25 years at the former Wayne Novelty Co. in Decatur and was a member of Salem United Church of Christ, where he was a trustee and treasurer. He was also a charter member of the Preble Volunteer Firefighting Association, serving as treasurer for 19 years, and was a member of Moose Lodge 1311 in Decatur.

Other survivors are three sons, John T. and Paul A. Sommer, both of Decatur, and Roger D. Sommer of Columbia City; two daughters, Mrs. James (Barbara L.) Cleveland of Anderson, South Carolina and Rebecca K. Sommer of Decatur; two brothers, Willis and Rufus Sommer, both of Berne; three sisters, Lydia Lehman, Carolina Zumbrum and Hulda Lehman, all of Berne; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two sisters, Louise Wall and Johanna Somer, and three brothers, Ernest, Walter and Otto Sommer.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Haggard and Setton Funeral Home, Decatur with burial in Salem-Magley Cemetery, rural Decatur. Visiting hours are until 4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today, with a Moose Lodge memorial service at the funeral home at 8 p.m. today. Preferred memorials are to the church.