

Monday, Sept. 24, 1990

ETHEL E. STEPLER

Ethel E. Stepler, 68, 1127 Master Dr., died at 8:21 p.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne, after having been in critical condition there the past two weeks.

She was born on October 28, 1921 in Adams County to Ernest and Hattie Bauer Worthman and married Freeman Stepler on March 6, 1947. He survives.

She was a registered nurse for many years at Adams County Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1983. She was a Decatur High School graduate who obtained her nursing degree from Deaconess Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio.

She was a member of Salem United Church of Christ and was active in its Women's Guild, holding many offices over the years. She was also a pianist for Sunday School. She belonged to the Adams County Nurse's Association.

Other survivors are two daughters: Mrs. Steve (Joann) Welch, route 1, Decatur, and Audrey Stepler, Fort Wayne; one son, Jack Stepler, route 2, Decatur; two sisters, Mrs. Glen (Idabelle) Beer, Richburg, South Carolina, and Mrs. Carl (Florence) Bieberich, route 2, Decatur; two brothers, Irvin Worthman, Bronson, Michigan, and Calvin Worthman, Mechanicsville, Virginia; two granddaughters and three grandsons.

Three sisters are deceased.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Salem United Church of Christ, Magley, with Rev. Gerald Newbold officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visiting hours at Zwick-Sefton and Jahn Funeral Home are 7-9 p.m. today and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. She will also lie in state at the church from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to the Adams County Heart Club.

"Salem United Church of Christ in Magley" by Lila Kruezman Rauner

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