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LLOYD J. "CHUCK" KIESS, 71, of Decatur, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, 7 a.m., at his residence. Born Nov. 17, 1932, in Fort Wayne, he was the son of the late Lloyd C. and Ruth (Busick) Kiess. He served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955, during the Korean War, was a lifelong Adams and Allen County farmer and a former mechanic for Bremers Home and Garden from 1979 to 1990. He was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church, Bingen, where he has served as a former Deacon and former Elder, and a member of Hoagland Area Advancement Association. He married Marilyn A. (Weck) Kiess, May 3, 1958, at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Ohio City, Ohio, and she resides in Decatur. Also surviving are son, Jeffrey L. Kiess of Decatur; daughter, Lynnda K. Kiess of Washington, D.C.; son, Bradley K. Kiess of Decatur; daughters, Dianne J. Kiess (Mark Smith) of New Palestine, Mrs. Mike (Jana S.) Gepfert of New Haven; sisters, Mrs. Doyle (Marcella) Myers Longmont, Colo., Iva Lane of Colton, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and one step-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Adam L. Kiess. Service is 11 a.m. Monday, with calling one hour prior, in the St. John Lutheran Church, Bingen. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday in the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Preferred memorials to St. John Lutheran Church General Fund, Worship for Shut-Ins or Visiting Nurses and Hospice. For complete obituary information and condolences visit www.zwickjahn.com

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