

REV. NORMAN H. KUCK

Rev. Norman H. Kuck, 76, route 8, Decatur, a retired Missouri-Synod minister, died of a heart attack at his home at 12:15 a.m. Sunday.

The well-known Adams County resident graduated June 3, 1932 from Concordia College in Milwaukee, a ministerial preparatory school. He later graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis June 5, 1936 and was ordained on Nov. 13, 1938, in Trinity Lutheran Church, Paw Paw, Mich., and served there until 1941. He then served at Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City, Mich., from 1941 to 1949, when he moved to Gethsemane Lutheran Church at Rochester, Mich., and stayed there until 1962 until he retired from the full-time ministry April 22, 1979. He became assistant pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur for five years, fully retiring in 1984. He was a member of Zion and regularly attended services here until his death. Throughout the years, Rev. Kuck held a number of positions, including Secretary of the Lutheran Bible Institute Board, member of the Migrant Ministries from 1964 to 1974, member of Project Compassion, the circuit social welfare ministries, and served as circuit court youth advisor and circuit stewardship representative.

Born in Muskegon Hts., Mich., on Jan. 8, 1912, he was the son of Herman and Emma Blasch Kuck, and was married Oct. 25, 1943 to Dorothy Behling in Christ Lutheran Church, Charlevoix County, Mich.; she survives.

Also surviving are seven children, Mrs. William (Alison) Waller, Stockton, Kan.; Mrs. Glenn (Andrea) Wilder, route 1, Decatur; Mrs. Terry (Wendy) Fry, Lakeland, Fla.; Mrs. Michael (Dara) Phillips, route 8, Decatur; Stephen Kuck, Chicago, Ill., Noel Kuck, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Rodney Kuck, Decatur; one sister, Mrs. Marion Busch, Clearwater, Fla.; three brothers, Herbert Kuck, Clearwater, Fla., Oscar Kuck, Urbana, Ill., Elmer Kuck, Muskegon, Mich., and 17 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Randall, two sisters and one brother.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur, Rev. Donald W. Biester officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Preble. Friends may call at Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, and one hour prior to the services at the church Wednesday. Memorials are to the Zion Memorial Fund or the Northeastern Indiana Hart Association.

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