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MELVIN WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER PETERS, 75, of Decatur, died Sunday, April 20, 2003, at his residence. Born in Fort Wayne, he was a farmer and self-employed construction worker, retiring from both in 1998. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble. He married Ruth L. Wiegmann Peters May 7, 1949 at Martini Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. Surviving in addition to his wife, are daughter, Mrs. Michael (Linda) Fruchte of Decatur; sons, Larry K. Peters and Leroy K. and wife, Myra Peters, all of Decatur; brother, Harold Peters of New Haven; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, William H. and Mary (Gumbert) Peters; six sisters, Calra Peters, Irma Heidenreich, Luella Busse, Velma Busse, Florence Rekeweg and Marie Schwehn; and four brothers, Walter, Robert, William and Homer Peters. Service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, with the Rev. Daniel Brege officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and one hour prior to service at the church. Burial at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery. For complete obituary information and condolences, visit [www.zwickjahn.com](http://www.zwickjahn.com).

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