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ERNEST H. KALTHOFF

Ernest H. Kalthoff, 71, route 1, Decatur, (Winchester Road), a retired principal at the Zion Lutheran School (Friedheim) and a church organist there for many years, died at 1:08 a.m. today at Fort Wayne Lutheran Hospital, following a four-month illness. He died shortly after admittance to the hospital.

Mr. Kalthoff taught in Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod schools for 40 years; 15 years at New Minden, Ill.; nine years at Child Welfare, Addison, Ill.; one year at Cleveland Lutheran Memorial Schools as principal of the junior high. He came to Friedheim in 1954 and served there until he retired in 1969 when Wyneken Lutheran School was formed.

A member of the Zion Lutheran Church at Friedheim, he was born in Alma, Missouri on Jan. 26, 1908, the son of Henry and Emma Owman-Kalthoff, and was married on June 26, 1932 to Lydia Wagner, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Gene D., Fort Wayne; a daughter, Patricia A. Kalthoff, Gainesville, Va.; a foster daughter, Mrs. Darlene Rigdon, Berkley, Ill.; a sister, Lydia Kalthoff, Sweet Springs, Missouri; three grandchildren; and four foster grandchildren. One brother, Fred, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Zwick Funeral Home and at 2:30 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church (Friedheim), with Rev. Jeffrey Kinnery and Rev. David Schlie officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery and friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to the Lutheran Hour and the Cancer Fund.

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