

Wilbert E. Stoppenhagen, 75, died yesterday in St. Joseph Medical Center. The Adams County native retired in 1975 from Food Marketing Corp. after 25 years. He was a veteran of World War II, receiving the Silver Star and Purple Heart, and a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim, and American Legion Post 43.

Surviving are his wife, Lucile; daughters, Sheila Coverstone of Fort Wayne, Sylvia Allen of Canon City, Colo., Sandra Miller of Ossian and Sharlene Hempel of Willis, Texas; sons, Stephen of Fairburn, Ga., and Stan of Decatur; sisters, Lorna Hunter of Ossian and Anita Wiese of Fort Wayne; a brother, Arnold of Kentwood, Mich.; and 12 grandchildren.

Services are 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and at 2 p.m. in the church. Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today in the funeral home. Burial will be with military honors in the church cemetery. Preferred memorials are gifts to the church.

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