

## **Berne Witness, Adams County, Indiana; Friday, May 9, 1975**

Theodore D. (Dutch) Baker, 55, 415 West Adams Street, Decatur, died suddenly at 10:25 p.m. Wednesday at the Adams County Memorial Hospital. He had been in the Clinic Hospital in Bluffton recently, was dismissed then taken to the hospital in Decatur after he was stricken.

Mr. Baker was the assistant Decatur street commissioner and was employed with the City of Decatur for 19 years. He was assistant fire chief at Decatur for two terms. He was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, Moose Lodge, American Legion, Volunteer Fireman and Fraternal Order of Police. He was a veteran of World War II.

Baker was born in Decatur December 10, 1919, a son of Tise and Sophia Wolpert Baker. He was married to Gyneth E. Hill July 25, 1942. Surviving are the wife; a son, David, Route 4, Decatur; a grandson, Donald; a sister, Mrs. James (Rosemary) McBride, Decatur and seven brothers, Clem J. Baker, Decatur; Richard F., Route 5, Decatur; Otto B. and Carl W., Route 3, Decatur; Edward J. Baker, Decatur; Daniel B., Uniondale and Anthony F., Route 3, Decatur. A son, Dennis, is deceased and a brother preceded in death.

The body is at the Winteregg-Linn & Haggard Funeral Home where friends may call. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. today and graveside services at St. Joseph's Cemetery will be conducted by the Adams Post of the American Legion. Memorials to the heart fund are preferred.

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