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MICHAEL A. BRAUN, 45, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Born in Decatur, he previously had been employed as a construction worker. Surviving are his parents, William and Violet Braun of Decatur; a companion, Noruise C. Orr of Fort Wayne; a son, Benjamin J. of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Betsy A. of Bloomington and Claire E. of Fort Wayne; and four brothers, Jerry D. of Celina, Ohio, Sam J. and Randal J., both of Decatur and Chris W. of Fort Wayne. Prayer service at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, followed at 10 a.m. by Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Decatur. Calling at the funeral home from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, with wake service at 4:30 p.m. Burial at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Decatur. Memorials to the children's education fund.

**Contributed by Jane Edson**