

Dated December 1962

### Albert L. Colchin Is Taken By Death

Albert L. Colchin, 75, of 422 Fornax street, well known retired carpenter-contractor and a lifelong resident of Decatur, died at 2:47 p.m. Monday [11/26/1962] at the Adams county memorial hospital. He had been in failing health for the past year and had been hospitalized since Oct. 30.

Born in Adams county Dec. 19, 1886, he was a son of Peter and Julia Kuhn-Colchin. He was employed as a carpenter-contractor for 50 years until his retirement four years ago. He had also worked for several years at the state forest at Bluffton.

Mr. Colchin served in France with the 144<sup>th</sup> Army Engineers during World War I.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Holy Name society, and the B. P. O Elks lodge, which he served two different terms as exalted ruler. He was a charter member of Adams Post 43, American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Bessie M., to whom he was married Jan. 21, 1939; a step-daughter, Mrs. Romaine Alexander of Decatur; a foster daughter, Mrs. Esther Hoffacker of Bluffton; five grandchildren; one brother, Fred J. Colchin of Decatur, and one sister, Mrs. Rose Tanvas of Decatur. A brother, Joe, died in April of this year.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Zwick funeral home and at 9:15 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic church. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt will officiate, and burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. today until time of the services. The Holy Name society will recite the rosary at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

**Transcribed by Janice Vasilovski**