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FLORENCE A. LAFONTAINE, 95, of Decatur, died Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003, at Woodcrest Nursing Center, Decatur. She was the daughter of Henry and Otilia (Tonnellier) Lengerich, born Sept. 22, 1908, in Adams County. She was a self employed seamstress and member of St. Mary of The Assumption Catholic Church, Decatur. She was a volunteer worker, sewing for World War II wounded soldiers, receiving a Red Cross Merit pin. Survivors are two sons, Edward L. LaFontaine of Decatur and John L. LaFontaine of Ohio City, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. Jack (Ann T.) Grothaus of Landeck, Ohio, Mrs. Charles (Ruth H.) Ellis of Dubuque, Iowa and Mrs. Ken (Patricia J.) Biberstein of Indianapolis; one brother, Thomas Lengerich of Decatur; one sister, Mrs. Louis (Vera) Wolpert of Decatur; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert L. LaFontaine, he died July 12, 1985; one son, Paul E. LaFontaine; five brothers, Bernard, Edward, Walter, Wilber and Elmo Lengerich and one sister, Hildegard Staub. Prayer service is 9:20 a.m. Tuesday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, with 10 a.m. Mass of Christian burial at St. Mary of The Assumption Catholic Church, Decatur. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with rosary service at 3 p.m. Burial at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Decatur. Memorials to masses or St. Joseph Catholic School. To light a candle, click on www.haggardandsefton.com

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