

Dated Sunday, October 4, 1959

James Murphy Dies After Long Illness

James E. Murphy, Sr., 80, well known Decatur resident, died at 8:15 o'clock Sunday evening at his home, 618 North Third street. Death was caused by complications following an illness of three years. He had been bedfast for the past year.

He was born in Wabash Feb. 18, 1879, a son of Timothy and Catherine Driscoll-Murphy, but had lived in Decatur most of his life. He was married to Catherine Lange April 19, 1904, and Mr. and Mrs. Murphy celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1954.

Mr. Murphy was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Holy Name society, Knights of Columbus, and was the first commander of the VFW fathers auxiliary.

Surviving in addition to his wife are five sons, Edward Murphy of Piqua, O., James E., Jr., Anthony and Joseph Murphy, all from Decatur and Patrick Murphy of Geneva; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. A. J. Sailors of Kendallville. Three brothers and two sisters are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday at the St. Mary's Catholic church, the Very Rev. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The body was removed to the Gillig & Doan funeral home, where friends may call after 7 p.m. today until time of the services. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

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