

**Image 47 - Dated March 13, 1967**

John Ortiz, 96, dies early today

John F. Ortiz, 96, of 733 North 11<sup>th</sup> street, well known Decatur resident and retired construction worker, died at 5:30 a.m. today at the Adams county memorial hospital, following an illness of two weeks.

He was born in Galamanoa, Cto., Mexico, June 24, 1870, a son of Luciano and Ambrocia Liguerva Ortiz, and had resided in Decatur since 1923. He was married to Isabelle Gulierrez in May of 1898. His wife preceded him in death Oct. 11, 1954

Mr. Ortiz was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Holy Name society and the Latin-American club.

Surviving are two sons, Floyd G. Ortiz of Hicksville, O., and Luis Ortiz of Joliet, Ill., three daughters, Mrs. Maria Ayala, Ft. Worth, Tex., Mrs. Anisceto (Mercedes) Villagomez and Mrs. Reynaldo (Arabelle) Arriaga, both of Decatur; 14 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren. Four sons, eight daughters, one brother and one sister are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simenon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. Friends may call after 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Gillig-Doan & Sefton funeral home until time of the services. The rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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Ortiz funeral rites Thursday

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Friends may call at the Gillig-Doan & Sefton funeral home after 7 p.m. today. The rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Included in the survivors are 48 grandchildren, 134 great-grandchildren, and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

**Transcribed by Janice Vasilovski**