

JOHN H. RICKORD, 83, of Decatur, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at his residence. Prayer service is 9:20 a.m. Monday at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur. Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, with Father John Strebige officiating. Visitation is from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with rosary at 5:30. Military graveside rites by American Legion Post 43. Burial at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Decatur. Memorials to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Masses. To sign our guest book, click on www.haggardandsefton.com

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John H. Rickord, 83, father of Mrs. Don (Mary Lou) VanCamp of Ossian, and a World War II veteran who retired in 1982 from Central Soya Company after 42 years of service, John H. Rickord, 83, died at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, June 17, 2004, at his Decatur residence.

He was born Feb. 28, 1921, in Mercer County, Ohio, a son of Roy and Daisy Diehl Rickord. His marriage was on Nov. 30, 1943, at Decatur to Eileen M. Smith, who survives.

Mr. Rickord was a member of the St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church at Decatur, the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society, the VFW at Ossian, American Legion Post #43, the Steelworkers Union and Harvest House. He was a corporal in the U.S. Army in World War II.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and his Ossian daughter, are four sons, Steven W., John A. and Bernard J., all of Decatur, and Edward J. Rickord of Hawaii; six additional daughters, Mrs. William (Margaret A.) Pogue, Mrs. Richard (Joan M.) Rumpel, Mrs. Charles (Nancy J.) Hamilton and Rose M. Burge, all four of Decatur; Mrs. John (Janet K.) Smith of Preble, and Kathleen S. Scott of Paulding, Ohio; 23 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Daniel L. Rickord; three brothers, Paul W., Edison R. and Alvin A. Rickord; three sisters, Lucille Painter, Helen Rickord and June Orr; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur. Special services will include rosary at 5:30 p.m. Sunday and military graveside rites by American Legion Post 43. A 9:20 a.m. Monday prayer service at the funeral home will be followed by a 10 a.m. mass of Christian burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church with Father John Strebige officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at Decatur. Memorials to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Masses.