

DECATUR LIBRARY OBIT BOOKS (Adams County, Indiana) no name on paper, but probably Decatur Daily Democrat, dated 10-23-76

RALPH J. ROOP, 77, 339 North 10th Street, a retired Decatur General Electric Company employee, died unexpectedly at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Lake Sylvan, located near Rome City. Death was attributed to a heart attack. He retired from the GE in 1965 after 44 years of service. Mr. Roop was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church. Holy Name Society, Moose Lodge, K of C Lodge, where he was a 4th degree knight, and the GE Quarter Century Club.

Born in Decatur on September 17, 1899, he was the son of Richard and Martha Drummond-Roop, and was united in marriage on June 4, 1921, to Dreda Parent, who survives. Also surviving are three children William R. Roop, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Russell (Alice) Schooler, Batavia, Ill.; James B. Roop, route 3 Decatur; one sister, Mrs. Mildred C. Linn, Decatur; one brother, George M. Roop, Wren, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. One brother, one granddaughter and one great-grandson preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at the St. Mary's Catholic Church. A con-celebrated mass will be held, with Father William Schooler, a grandson of Mr. Roop, as the principal celebrant, and Msgr. Simeon Schmitt and Father James Wolfe as co-celebrants.

Friends may call at the Winteregg-Linn and Haggard funeral home after noon Sunday. Burial will be in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. A special prayer service will be held at the funeral home at 8 p.m. Sunday.

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