

## **Decatur, IN Public Library Obit Book D 3; dated February 22, 1965**

### **Mrs. Maria Serna Is Taken By Death**

Mrs. Maria T. Serna, 60, wife of Jesus Serna, Sr., of 946 North 12<sup>th</sup> street, died at 9:45 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph's hospital, Fort Wayne, following an illness of four months.

She was born in Carawell, Tex., Dec. 27, 1904, a daughter of Abraham and Florence Garcia-Teran, and had lived in Decatur for the past 15 years.

Mrs. Serna was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church and the Rosary society.

Surviving in addition to her husband are four sons, Elias Caciano and Eriberto Serna, both of Decatur, and Luis and Hector Serna, both of Fort Wayne; five daughters, Mrs. Flora Madellin, Mrs. Maria Mendez, Mrs. Minnie Montalvo, Mrs. Lupe Ojeda, and Miss Aurora Serna, all of Decatur; two stepsons, Jesus Serna, Jr., of Decatur, and Jose Serna of Crystal City, Tex.; one granddaughter, Mrs. Maria Ortiz of Lubbock, Tex.; six sisters, Mrs. Concepcion Cueller of Big Wells, Tex., Mrs. Josefina Rodiques of Houston, Tex., Mrs. Melchora Hernandez of Crystal City, Tex., Mrs. Manuela Serna of Mundelein, Ill., Mrs. Virginia Sepulvida of Chicago, and Mrs. Elvira Serna of Chicago; Three brothers, Abraham Teran of Wheeling, Ill., Alferdo and Pedro Teran of Crystal City, Tex., and 25 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:15 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. Friends may call at the Gillig, Doan & Sefton funeral home after 7 p.m. today until time of the services. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

**Transcribed by Janice Vasilovski**