

Tuesday, February 18, 1964

Francis Shell Dies After Long Illness

Francis E. Shell, 46, of Decatur route 3, a partner in the Shell Bros. Plumbing Co. in this city, died at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Hines Veterans hospital at Chicago, Ill., following an illness of four months.

A lifelong resident of Decatur, he was born here Aug. 12, 1917, a son of Harvey and Edith Bentz-Shell, and was married to the former Lillie B. Ketcham of Ozark, Ala., Nov. 22, 1944.

Mr. Shell, a veteran of World War II, was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Holy Name society and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are his wife; two children, Robert and Mary Katherine Shell, both at home, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shell of Decatur; three brothers, Joseph and Richard Shell, both of Decatur, and Virgil Shell of Monroe, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Birely and Mrs. Bernice Cable, both of Fort Wayne. One sister is deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. 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. Thursday.

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