

Decatur Daily Democrat (IN) - Wednesday, October 29, 2008

Herman L. Franz Jr., 86, of rural Decatur, died at 7:13 p.m. Monday in the emergency room of Adams Memorial Hospital. He had been a resident of Woodcrest Retirement Community.

He was born in Adams County on May 4, 1922, to Herman J. and Wilhelmina Fuelling Franz Sr.

He married B. Aileen Rolape on November 22, 1975, and she survives.

He was a farmer and a livestock dealer as well as a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church (Fuelling), rural Decatur, where he was a trustee, a deacon, and a longtime member of the choir. He also was a member of American Legion Post 43 in Decatur. During World War II, he served in the United States Army.

Other survivors are five stepsons, Paul Miller, and wife Wendy, of Decatur; Phillip Miller, and wife Jane, of Van Wert, Ohio; Steven A. Miller, and wife Barbara, of Hoagland; Michael Miller of Decatur; and Robert Miller of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Daniel (Marie) Gorrell of Marshall, Illinois; Mrs. Michael (Linda) Mathias of Fishers, Indiana; and Mrs. Larry (Roseann) Sundheimer of Decatur; two sisters, Mrs. Paul (Ella) Switzer of Fort Wayne and Vera Witte of Corunna, Indiana; 20 stepgrandchildren; nine stepgreat-grandchildren; four nephews; and one niece.

Two stepsons, Daniel and Peter Miller; three brothers, Edwin, Elmer, and Walter Franz; and one nephew, Kevin Franz, are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in St. Peter Lutheran Church (Fuelling)), with Rev. Martin Moehring officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery, with graveside military services by the color guard from American Legion Post 43.

Visiting hours are 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home and 10-11 a.m. Friday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to the "Worship for Shut-Ins" program.