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**LYDIA S. GERKE**, 90, of Decatur died Thursday in Miller's Merry Manor, Fort Wayne. The Adams County native was the widow of Benjamin F., who died in 1984. Surviving are daughters, Evelyn Crownover of Fort Wayne and Lois J. Schumann of Des Moines, Iowa; a son, Arnold W. of Decatur; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fuelling, with burial in the church cemetery. Calling is 2 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. today in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday in the church. Memorials are to the church.