

## **Decatur Daily Democrat, Adams County, Indiana; June 2, 2005**

Jay A. Sheets, 65, rural Decatur, died at 1:10 a.m. today in Adams Memorial Hospital.

He was born on July 15, 1939, in St. Mary's Township to Chalmer K. and Melvena M. Smitley Sheets. He married Barbara Fay Hirschy on March 7, 1959. She survives.

He was a machine operator at the Phelps Dodge Plant in Fort Wayne for more than 31 years, retiring on April 1, 1997. He also was a member of Union Chapel United Methodist Church of rural Decatur. He was a member of the Moose Lodge 1311 in Decatur, and a veteran of the U. S. Army.

Other survivors are two sons, Doyle Sheets of Decatur and Raymond Sheets of Convoy, Ohio; two daughters, Darlene K. Sheets and Mrs. Daniel (Brenda) Farber, both of Decatur; two brothers, Max Sheets of Lima, Ohio and Lester Sheets of Monroe; five sisters, Dolores Tschannen, Josephine Weldy, and Mrs. Richard L. (Carolyn) Marbaugh, all of Decatur, Mrs. John (Betty) Overholser of Logansport; and Mrs. Bill (Mary) McCarty of Cutler, Indiana; and nine grandchildren. Three sisters are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Tabor Cemetery, rural Decatur, including military graveside rites by the color guard from American Legion Post 43 in Decatur.

Visiting hours are 2-8 p.m. Friday, with a Moose memorial service at 8 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the church or to the Heart Club of Adams County.