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GERALD E. "JERRY" BLEEKE, 57, of rural Decatur died Tuesday at home.

The Adams County native was a farmer and former member of the Army Reserve.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; daughters, Christine M. Bleeke of Fort Wayne and Amanda A. Bleeke of Decatur; a son, Philipp of Decatur; stepdaughters, Taya Brown of Convoy, Ohio, and Kimberly Wolf of Decatur; stepsons, Ralph E. Thieme and Andrew M. Thieme, both of Decatur; his mother, Mildred W. Bleeke of Decatur; sisters, Deloris Hirschy of Geneva and Marjorie Franz of Decatur; brothers, Richard L. and Leonard O. "Butch," both of Decatur; a grandchild and five stepgrandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Friday in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Decatur, with burial in the church cemetery. Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and noon to 1 p.m. Friday in the church.

Memorials are to the church.

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