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DONALD E. GROTE, 80, of Decatur, died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at his residence. Surviving are wife, Evelyn M. Grote of Decatur; daughters, Mrs. Gordon (Pamela S.) Yanke of Springfield, Ohio, and Mrs. Kenneth (Ellen L.) Folkerts of Decatur; son, Roger D. (Tonya) Grote of Decatur; daughter, Mrs. Bryan (Jo Ann) Balzer of Sturgis, Mich.; brothers, Ralph Grote and Gerald Grote, both of Decatur; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Service is 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural Decatur. Visitation is from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. For complete obituary information and to sign the on-line guestbook, visit [www.zwickjahn.com](http://www.zwickjahn.com)

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