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ARNOLD THIEME, 76, of Decatur died Friday in Woodcrest Retirement Center. The Adams County native retired in 1976 from farming, and also had worked as a drainage contractor from 1966-76 and at Fort Wayne Wire Die. Surviving are his wife, Elma; daughters, Arlene Dudgeon of Ohio City, Ohio, and Anita Miller of Decatur; sons, Virgil, Alton D. and Floyd L., all of Decatur; sisters, Esther Nuerge of Decatur, Deloris Cheatwood of Garland, Texas, and Marlene Wilson of Fort Wayne; brothers, Otto, Leo and Novin, all of Decatur; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday in Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural 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 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday in the church. Memorials are to the church.

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