

THREE DIE IN INDIANA AUTO CRASH

DECATUR - Two Van Wert County women, a mother and daughter, were among three persons killed Thursday afternoon in a two-car crash in Adams County, Ind. A four-year-old boy was injured in the crash.

Killed were Mrs. Marlene K. Sanderson, 30, of Rt. 2, Ohio City, her mother, Arlene Zinn, 50, of Rt. 2, Convoy, and Edmund W. Thieme, 38, of Rt. 5, Decatur.

...Thieme received a crushed skull and broken neck in the accident, according to Adams County sheriff's officers and Indiana State Trooper Tom Garrison.

Authorities reported the accident occurred at 2:45 p.m. Thursday at the junction of Indiana 101 and Adams County Road 900 North, about five miles northeast of Decatur.

Thieme, traveling on the county road, failed to obey a stop sign, police said, and pulled into the path of the southbound Sanderson car.

...Mr. Thieme was born June 9, 1932, in Union Township, Adams County, Ind. He was the son of Max F. and Louise (Boenker) Thieme.

He was an employe of Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne and was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church near Decatur. He was also affiliate with the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars in Decatur.

Survivors include his parents who reside on Rt. 5, Decatur; his widow, Patricia (Jauequi) Thieme, whom he married Nov. 11, 1961; five children, Dennis, Taya, Andrew, Ralph and Kimberly, all at home; four sisters, Maxine and Eloise, both of Rt. 5, Decatur, Mrs. Ron (Gretchen) Pung of Convoy, Mrs. Charles (Paulette) Scaffa of Bluffton, Ind.; three brothers, Lester, Hilbert & Merlin, all of Rt. 5, Decatur.

Three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Winteregg-Linn Funeral Home, Decatur, and at 2 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with the Rev. Howard Georg officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 1 p.m. Saturday.

Military graveside rites will be conducted by the American Legion.