

## **News-Sentinel, The (Fort Wayne, IN) - Thursday, April 1, 1999**

LESTER F. THIEME

DECATUR - 1926-1999

Lester F. Thieme, 72, of Decatur, a retired Union Township farmer, died Tuesday, March 30, 1999, at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

The Adams County native also retired in 1986 from Zollner Corp. in maintenance after 33 years of service, was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Adams Post 43 American Legion and a World War II veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Doris L.; sons Lowell R. of Hoagland and Daniel L. of Decatur; daughters Danene K. Shoaf, Loide D. Holtzclaw, Lynette M. Hart and Lea A. Thieme, all of Decatur, Dorene L. Serna and Letha D. Minick, both of Fort Wayne, Dawn R. Hummel of Monroe and Dynall D. Nelson of Indianapolis; a brother, Hilbert of Detroit; sisters Gretchen Erickson and Paulette Yates, both of Okeechobee, Fla., Maxine Bultemeier and Eloise Thieme, both of Decatur; 24 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers and a sister.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Decatur, with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 6 to 9 p.m. today and from 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Burial with military graveside services will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Union Township.

Memorials are to Handicapped Access Fund, the church, St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School or American Diabetes Association.

Information provided by Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, 1-219-724-9164.

**Contributed by Jane Edson**