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Velma Elenora Sophie Thieme

Decatur - 1909-2000

Velma Elenora Sophie Thieme, 91, of Decatur, a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2000, at Swiss Village Nursing Home.

The Root Township native was a homemaker and a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Ladies Aid.

Surviving are her husband, Simon; a son, Leonard of Decatur; daughters Irene Doctor of Fort Wayne, Marcella Lake of Newberry, S.C., and LaVerne Macke of Marion; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Ruth Etzler, Adela Thieme and Helen Schieferstein, one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Decatur, with calling one hour before services. Calling also is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alzheimer's Research or to the donor's choice.

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

**Contributed by Jane Edson**