

CHALMER O. BOLLENBACHER, 77, of Decatur died yesterday in Adams County Memorial Hospital.

The Adams County native was a farmer, and retired in 1982 as safety director and feed plant superintendent for Central Soya Co. after 45 years.

Surviving are his wife, Betty A.; daughters, Cheryl Schneider of Indianapolis and Amy Snyder of Greer, S.C.; a son, Dennis L. of Geneva; brothers, Kenneth of Payne, Ohio, Cecil of Fort Wayne and Donald of Decatur; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday in St. Mark United Methodist Church, Decatur, with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Geneva. Calling is 2 to 9 p.m. tomorrow in Haggard & Armes Funeral Home, Decatur, and 10 to 11 a.m. Friday in the church. Preferred memorials are gifts to the church.

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Chalmer O. Bollenbacher, 77, 910 Walnut St., died suddenly Tuesday at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

He was born on October 8, 1916 in Adams County to Edward and Nora Morningstar Bollenbacher and married Betty A. Pyle on May 14, 1939. She survives.

He is a retired Jefferson Township farmer who also retired on January 1, 1982, after a 45-year career at Central Soya's Decatur plant. He rose to become the plant's safety director and feed plant superintendent.

Mr. Bollenbacher was an exceptionally active member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Decatur, serving as a lay leader, member of the Council of Ministries, and founder of St. Mark's tape ministry. He was a Sunday School teacher for more than 50 years, founder of the Men's Prayer Breakfast, and a member of the finance, parish relations and building committees, and the administrative board.

He also taught first aid techniques for the Adams County Red Cross chapter for many years.

Other survivors include a son, Rev. Dennis L. Bollenbacher, rural Geneva; two daughters, Mrs. James (Cheryl) Schneider, Indianapolis and Mrs. Tom (Amy) Snyder, Greer, South Carolina; three brothers, Kenneth Bollenbacher, Payne, Ohio; Cecil Bollenbacher, Fort Wayne; and Donald Bollenbacher, Decatur; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Dian Bollenbacher; a sister, Pauline Miller and a brother, Delmas "Mike" Bollenbacher are deceased.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in St. Mark's United Methodist Church with Revs. Lynn Souham, Fuhrman Miller and Dennis Bollenbacher officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Geneva. Visiting hours will be from 2-9 p.m. Thursday in Haggard and Armes Funeral Home, Decatur, and 10-11 a.m. Friday in the church. Preferred memorials are to the church.