

Decatur Daily Democrat (IN) - Thursday, August 12, 2010

Willis L. Martin, 81, of rural Bryant, passed away at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

He was born on Monday, April 8, 1929, in Mercer County, Ohio, to William and Lela Stolz Martin.

Mr. Martin was a 1946 graduate of Celina High School at Celina, Ohio. He attended IBC-Fort Wayne, earning an associate's degree in accounting.

Martin He was a lifelong grain and dairy farmer, a Jay County REMC board member, a member of the Jefferson Township Advisory Board, and involved with Habitat for Humanity.

He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Portland and a former member of the church council.

He married Alethea Bollenbacher on July 1, 1950, in New Corydon Zion Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Alethea Martin of Bryant; five sons, Alan Martin (wife Abbey) of Decatur, Doyle Martin of Bryant, Robert Martin (wife Beth) of Decatur, Dwight Martin (wife Jane) of Bryant, and Bradley Martin (wife Jill) of Bryant; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Martin; his mother, Lela Stolz Martin; one son, Randall Martin; and one brother, Donald Martin.

Arrangements are being handled by Downing and Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington Street, Geneva, where the family will receive friends from 2-8 p.m. on Saturday, August 14, 2010. There will also be visitation one hour prior to the service on Sunday, August 15, 2010, at the church.

Funeral services will be at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Portland at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 15, 2010, with Pastor Mark Strietelmeier officiating. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Geneva.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 111 E. Ludwig Rd., Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46825 or to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.glancyfuneralhomes.com.