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Donald M. Frane, 72, of Decatur, died at 10:07 p.m. Saturday in the nursing center at Woodcrest Retirement Community. He moved to the nursing center in November.

He was born on September 7, 1938, in Maples, Indiana, to Elmer and Myrtle Pepler Frane. He married Barbara J. Brandenburg on March 28, 1984, and she survives.

He retired on January 1, 1999, from Decatur Wire Die after eight years of service and was previously employed at Hoosier Wire Die in Fort Wayne and at Precision Machine Service in Preble.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and Moose Lodge 1311, both in Decatur.

Other survivors are two stepsons, Scott A. Wittwer (and wife Cari Bible) of Decatur and Kent A. Wittwer of Monroe; one brother, Eugene Frane of Fort Wayne; one sister, Mrs. Jerry (Bonnie) Cowels of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Christin Wittwer, Brandon Wittwer, Amber Bible, Brandon Bible, Kyle Wittwer, Kiri Wittwer, Kirk Wittwer, and Jenna Wittwer; and two great-grandchildren.

One brother, Gary Frane, is deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with Pastor Daniel Gadbow officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery. Visiting hours are 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.