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Funeral Rites Monday For John E. Gaffer

Funeral services will be held Monday for John E. (Ed) Gaffer, 68, 329 North Third street, well known Decatur decorator, who died at 3:10 o'clock Thursday morning at the Veterans hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for several years and hospitalized since Aug. 19.

He was born in Decatur July 2, 1894, a son of Peter and Elnora Middleton-Gaffer, and was married to Ethel Leist June 28, 1916. He served in the U.S. Army during World War 1, enlisting Oct. 4, 1917, and receiving his discharge May, 29, 1919.

Mr. Gaffer was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic church, the Holy Name society, the Veteran of Foreign Wars, and post commander of Veterans of World War I.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Leon (Patricia) Sieger of Decatur, Mrs. Carl (Elaine) McConnell of Fort Wayne, and Miss Jacqueline Gaffer, at home, one son, Jack P. Gaffer of Decatur; seven grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Fred (Frances) Witte of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held at 9:15 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic church, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery with military rites by the V. F. W. The body was removed to the Zwick funeral home, where friend may call after 7 p.m. Saturday until time of the services. The Holy Name society will recite the rosary at 7 p.m. Sunday.

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