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ROBERT E. HAMMOND

Robert E. Hammond, 84, rural Decatur, died at 4:17 a.m. Sunday in Adams County Memorial Hospital.

He was born on December 23, 1914 in Scottville, Michigan to Fred E. and Lillie M. Whitright Hammond and married Bernadine D. DeLong on May 25, 1947; she survives.

He retired in 1977 after a 30-year career at the former International Harvester plant in Fort Wayne, and also worked for Prestress Services of rural Decatur for 10 years. He attended Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, rural Decatur.

He was a member of American Legion Post 43, Elks Lodge 993, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6236, all in Decatur. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Air Air Corps and flew 66 combat missions over Europe, winning the Distinguished Flying Cross, an Air Medal, and a Purple Heart and mustering out as a technical sergeant.

Other survivors are a son, Fred W. Hammond, Decatur; two daughters, Mrs. Kim (Kathie) Eady, Decatur, and Mrs. Larry (Karen) Marquardt, Monroeville; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Two sisters are deceased, Revia Olson and Ruth Strickler.

Private family funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, with burial in Decatur Cemetery, including military graveside services by American Legion Post 43. There is no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to Adams County Home Health Care or the Adams County Emergency Medical Service.