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GEORGE S. HEARE, 79, died Wednesday at Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur. Born in Berne, he retired in 1979 after 38 years with General Electric. Surviving are his wife, Emma M.; three daughters, Elaine Ard of Vidor, Texas, Donna Costello of Decatur and Patricia Lippi of Van Wert; four brothers, Chester and C. Ivan, both of Decatur, Max of Waukesha, Wis. and Rex of Tampa, Fla.; a stepsister, Marcella Schnitz of Florida; 10 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday at Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Haggard & Armes Funeral Home, Decatur. Calling also one hour before services at the church. Burial in Decatur Cemetery. Memorials to Zion Lutheran Church of Worship for shut-ins.