

ROBERT J. HEYERLY, 65, of rural Decatur, died on Friday evening, Feb. 26, 2010, at Adams Memorial Hospital. He was born Oct. 24, 1944, in Adams County, son of the late Clifford A. and Helen M. (Maller) Heyerly. He married Mary L. (Hooper) Heyerly on May 2, 1970; she survives in Decatur. Robert was a member of American Legion Post 43 in Decatur and former Decatur Chamber of Commerce Board Member. He was also inducted into the Adams County Men's Bowling Association Hall of Fame, and was very active in bowling, horseshoes and golfing. He was an avid IU and National Hot Rod Association fan, an original competitor of the National Tractor Pull Association; his tractor was the "SHAKER". He worked for awhile for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and was former owner of the Aqua Blast Corp., from which he retired in July of 2009 after 19 years of service. In addition to his wife, surviving are a son Craig N. (Holly) Heyerly of Decatur; a daughter, Erika M. Heyerly of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Kenneth (Deb) Heyerly of Monroe and Von (Diane) Heyerly of Bluffton; two sisters, Jane (Curt) Mann of Springfield, Ohio and Lois Brown (fiancé, Tom Baxter) of Willshire, Ohio; two grand-daughters, Bobbie N. Heyerly (named after Grandpa) and Bailey N. Heyerly; and several nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Tom Heyerly. Funeral service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, with visitation one hour prior to service at the church. Rev. Jay Carter officiating. Visitation also from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur. Burial in Decatur Cemetery. Memorials to American Heart Association or United Cerebral Palsy of Indiana. To sign our online guestbook, please visit www.haggardandsefton.com

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