

Decatur Daily Democrat; Adams County, Indiana; Monday, November 10, 2003

Herald R. Hitchcock, 85, of Decatur, died at 4:03 a.m. Friday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on August 10, 1918 in Van Wert, Ohio, to Charles W. and Fannie E. Woods Hitchcock and married Clara E. Mumma on December 4, 1941; she died on November 25, 1989.

He retired from Waynedale Lumber Co. in Allen County and from Arnold Lumber Co. (now Arnold's Do-It Center) in Decatur on January 1, 1989. He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church and its Builders' Sunday School class.

He was also a Boy Scout leader of Troop 65 at the church as well as a member of Masonic Lodge 571 in Decatur, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, the Decatur Optimist Club, the Disabled American Veterans, and American Legion Post 43 in Decatur.

Surviving are a son, John R. Hitchcock of Kalamazoo, Michigan; two daughters, Mrs. Jim (Nancy) Teeter and Mrs. Steve (Marta) Rumschlag, both of Decatur; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A son and six sisters are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in St. Mark's United Methodist Church, with burial in Decatur Cemetery, including military graveside rites by the color guard from American Legion Post 43.

Visitation is 6-7:30 p.m. today in Porter Auditorium at Woodcrest Retirement Community of Decatur and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday in Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with an Optimist memorial service at 5:45 p.m. and a Masonic memorial service at 6 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the church or to the scholarship fund of the Decatur Optimist Club.