

Clifford M. Hoverman, 89, of Decatur passed away on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at his residence. He was born on January 16, 1923 in Van Wert County, OH to the late Charles F. and Oval N. (Dull) Hoverman. He married Elizabeth M. "Betty" (Imler) on July 26, 1944.

He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church where he served the Lord with all his heart. He was active in various leadership roles, but most notably the building committee. He was also a member of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and was past president of the Decatur Rotary Club.

He served his country during WWII in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He worked as a salesman for 30 years and a merchandise manager for 20 years at Schafer Company.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years Elizabeth M. "Betty" Hoverman of Decatur; a daughter Carol (Dave) Hammond of Hoagland, IN; a son Ken L. (Kathy) Hoverman of Tampa, FL; 4 grandsons Dr. Mike (Jen) Hammond of Lakeland, FL, Pastor Mark (Tonya) Hammond of Ft. Wayne, Matthew and Ryan Hoverman of Tampa, FL; 8 great grandchildren Ellie, Jack, Bekah, Natalie, Anne and Evie Hammond of Lakeland, FL and Christian and Mia Hammond of Ft. Wayne; a sister Marilyn Miller of Wren, OH

He was preceded in death by 4 brothers Donald, Carl, Olen, and Howard Hoverman and 4 sisters Elva Lautzenheiser, Aileen Hileman, Kathryn Lautzenheiser, and Marjorie Oechsle.

Visitation will be from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 24, 2012 at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home.

Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 25, 2012 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church with calling 1 hour prior to the service from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Officiating will be The Reverend Michael Heinbaugh and Pastor Mark Hammond. Burial will take place in the Decatur Cemetery with military graveside rites by the American Legion Post #43 Color Guard.

Gifts in honor of Cliff's ministry are to establish a Legacy Fund for the long term care of St. Mark's UMC.

Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home online obit (accessed 6-22-12)