

News-Sun, Lake Co, IN; April 7, 2001

Richard D. Lewton, 88, died Monday, April 9, 2001 at 2:30 pm in Adams County Memorial Hospital.

He retired from United Telephone Co. in 1977 with 10 years of service. He was a former long time Adams County office holder, serving as Adams County Treasurer from 1948 to 1952 and Adams County Clerk from 1956 to 1964. He had also been a Decatur barber and a self-employed electrician. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Lewton was born April 10, 1912 in Adams County to Amos J. and Anna (Mumma) Lewton. He married Frieda M. Amstutz on April 12, 1922 and she died June 15, 1996.

Surviving him are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Carolyn and Bill Lehman of Ohio City, OH, Barbara A. Haynes of Auburn, and Mary Lou and Larry Brunner Sr, Kathy and Rex Strickler, and Geraldine and Gerald Sudduth, all of Decatur, one son Richard C Lewton of Topeka; a niece Marjorie Keeler of Granger; 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Florence Funk, Mary Lewton and Mable Lewton, and two brothers Clarence & Lewis Lewton.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 am in First United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 am. The Rev Kenneth Mahan and the Rev. Jackie Foley will officiate. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-5 and 6-9 in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Memorials are to the church.

News-Sentinel, The (Fort Wayne, IN) - April 11, 2001

Deceased Name: Richard D. Lewton Decatur - 1912-2001

Richard D. Lewton, 88, of Decatur, who served as Adams County clerk from 1956 to 1964, died Monday, April 9, 2001, at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

The Adams County native retired in 1977 from United Telephone Co. after 10 years of service and was former Adams County treasurer from 1948 to 1952. He had also worked as a barber and self-employed electrician, and was a member of First United Methodist Church. Surviving are daughters Carolyn Lehman of Ohio City, Ohio, Barbara A. Haynes of Auburn and Mary Lou Brunner, Kathy Strickler and Geraldine Sudduth, all of Decatur; a son, Richard C. of Topeka; a niece, Marjorie Keeler of Granger; 20 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frieda M., three sisters and two brothers.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 1 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. today at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Burial will be at Decatur Cemetery. Memorials are to the church.

Information provided by Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, 1-219-724-9164.