

Obituaries: Decatur Daily Democrat, Adams County, Indiana (online obit)

Merlin E. Lister - Wednesday, March 24, 2004 11:35 AM CST

Merlin E. Lister, 72, of Decatur, died at 10:50 a.m. Monday at home after having been ill since last October.

He was born on September 11, 1931 in Decatur to Walter E. and Helen I. Ross Lister. He married Esther Midlam on July 8, 1951 and she survives.

He retired in 1992 from Almco Steel after four years of employment, but worked for 30 years before that at Stratoflex Inc. in Fort Wayne. He was a member of American Legion Post 43 in Decatur and belonged to First United Methodist Church of Decatur for 60 years. He served in Korea during the Korean War in the U.S. Army.

Other survivors are four daughters: Mrs. John (Deborah Y.) Bergman, Cyndy A. Lister, and Mrs. Donald (Karen J.) Tricker, all of Decatur, and Mrs. Mike (Gwendolyn R.) Grimm of Keystone, Indiana; one sister, Mrs. James (Beverly) Bassett of Monroe; one brother, Gearld L. "Jerry" Lister of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

One son, one grandson, and one sister are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with burial in Decatur Cemetery, including military graveside rites by the color guard from American Legion Post 43. Visiting hours will be from 1-9 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to his church and to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, at Berne.

From News Banner (Bluffton, Wells County, IN) online obits

Merlin E. Lister, 72, of Decatur, the father of Mrs. Mike (Gwendolyn R.) Grimm of Keystone, died at 10:50 a.m. Monday, March 22 at his residence.

Mr. Lister was a former employee of Almco Steel, retiring in 1992 after four years of service. He also retired from Stratoflex Inc. of Fort Wayne after 30 years of service. He served with the U.S Army in Korea during the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post 43 and a 60-year member of the First United Methodist Church in Decatur.

Born Sept. 11, 1931 in Decatur to Walter E. and Helen I. Ross Lister, his marriage on July 8, 1951 in Chattanooga, Ohio, was to Esther Midlam, who survives.

Also surviving are three other daughters, Deborah Y. Bergman, Cyndy A. Lister and Karen J. Tricker, all of Decatur; a sister, Beverly Bassett of Monroe and a brother, Gerald (Jerry) Lister of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kevin E. Lister, a grandson and a sister, Pamela Vancamp.

Calling will be held Friday from 1 to 9 p.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, where services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday with Rev. Kenneth Mahan officiating. Burial will be at Decatur Cemetery with American Legion Post 43 conducting graveside rites. Preferred memorials are to Decatur First United Methodist Church or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana in Berne.