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GERALD MORNINGSTAR, 79, of Decatur, died Thursday, April 9, 2004, 7:25 p.m., at Adams County Memorial Hospital. In February of 1947, Gerald founded Morningstar Auto Sales in Decatur. He continues as the owner-operator of Morningstar Chevrolet-Buick, from 1971 to 1979. He retired from the used car automobile business in 2002, after 55 years. He also served on the Decatur Plan Commission for four years. Survivors include his wife, Joan E. (Mitchel) Morningstar; son, Jerry (Jennifer) Morningstar; daughters, Teri (Bryan) Jackson, Mrs. Robert (Lisa) Hurst Jr., all of Decatur; brother, Virgil (Agnes) Morningstar of Fort Wayne; sisters, Mrs. Ed (Nyla) Wiehe and Mrs. Claude (Ruth) Foreman, both of Decatur; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ted and Chester Morningstar, and three sisters, Dorothy Morningstar, Mildred Schindler and Augusta Butcher. Service is 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with visitation from 1 to 4 and 5 to 8 p.m. Monday. Military graveside honors will be conducted by American Legion Post 43 of Decatur. Memorials to Cancer Society and Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana. For complete obituary information and condolences: www.zwickjahn.com