

## **News Banner, Wells County, Indiana; Nov. 16, 2001**

Clarence O. Painter, 83, of Decatur, died at 8:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Painter was retired from the General Electric Co. at Decatur and from Petrie Oil. He was a member of the Zion United Church of Christ in Decatur, Masonic Lodge 571 in Decatur, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Decatur Optimist Club, Moose Lodge 1311 and GE Retirees.

He was born in Adams County Feb. 3, 1918, a son of Oliver and Jennie V. Tinkham Painter. His first wife, Lucille L. Rickord, died in 1951 and his second wife, Ada I. Steffen, died in 1985. A stepson and a brother are deceased also.

Survivors include a son, Harold C., of Decatur; two daughters, Mrs. Steven (Shirley A.) Gause of Hoagland and Mrs. Jerry (Wanda L.) Selking of Decatur; a sister, Audrey Reinhart of Preble; three brothers, Harold of Fort Wayne, Doyle of Decatur and Lester of Hoagland; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur and burial will be in Decatur Cemetery. Visitation hours at the funeral home will be Sunday from 12 noon to 6 p.m. A Decatur Optimist Club memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. and a Masonic Lodge service at 6 p.m. Memorials to the church, to the Masonic Lodge or to the Optimist Club scholarship fund.