

## Decatur Daily Democrat (IN) - December 1, 2008

Jesse L. Patch, 82, of Decatur, passed away at his residence on Saturday, November 29, 2008.

He was born on February 6, 1926, in Marion, Indiana, to Clarence and Martha (Alderton) Patch.

On January 5, 1947 he married Esther L. Luginbill.

He is survived by his wife, Esther L. Patch of Decatur; three sons, Michael (Barbara) Patch of Otterbein, Indiana; Dr. Roy (Sharon) Patch of Greer, South Carolina; and Tom (Diane) Patch of Decatur; one daughter, Mrs. Jerry (Rebecca) Durnbaugh of Decatur; one brother, Howard (Delores) Patch of Jay City, Indiana; one sister, Ruth Habegger of Berne; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Francis and James Patch; and two grandchildren.

Jesse was a member of First Baptist Church in Decatur. He was currently a trustee at the church and was also a former deacon, Sunday School teacher, and youth leader.

He retired in 1990 after 22 years with Indiana Michigan Power. He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Visitation is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home. Officiating will be Rev. Whitney West. Burial will take place in Decatur Cemetery, with military graveside rites by the color guard from American Legion Post 43 in Decatur.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Family Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeast Indiana, or the American Cancer Society.