

Decatur Daily Democrat, Adams Co, IN; Thursday, 10 February 1994

Ercie L. Reinking, 97, Fort Wayne, a former resident of Decatur and Willshire, Ohio, died at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Lutheran Home, Fort Wayne, her residence since 1969.

She married Frech Hower in 1918; he died in 1938. She married Forest Ripley in 1943; he died in 1969. She married Rev. Herman Reinking in 1971; but he died in 1973.

She was a former embalmer and funeral director with Lobenstein and Hower Funeral Home in Decatur and also worked for Citizens Telephone Co. in Decatur. She was a member of Zion Lutheran church, Chattanooga, Ohio.

Among the survivors are two daughters; a sister, Gertrude Brown, Decatur; a brother; and two half-sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Zwick-Sefton and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with burial in Decatur Cemetery. Visiting hours will be from noon-1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, Allen Co, IN; Tuesday, 10 February 1994

Ercie L. Reinking, 97, died Tuesday at Lutheran Home. Born in Tipton County, she was a former embalmer and funeral director with Lobenstein and Hower Funeral Home in Decatur and a former employee of Citizens Telephone Co. in Decatur. Her first husband, Frech Hower, died in 1938. Her second husband, Forest Ripley, died in 1969. Her third husband, the Rev. Herman Reinking, died in 1973. Surviving are two daughters, Martha House of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Betty Saarinen of Sarasota, Fla.; a sister, Gertrude Brown of Decatur; a brother, Lyman Butler of West Plains, Mo.; two half-sisters, Grace Raymond of Albuquerque, N.M., and Vera Anderson of Wilmette, Ill.; and six grandchildren. Memorial services at 1 p.m. Friday at Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Calling an hour before services. Burial in Decatur Cemetery.

Fort Wayne News Sentinel, Allen Co, IN; 10 February 1994

Ercie L. Reinking, 97, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday in Lutheran Home.

The Tipton County native formerly lived in Decatur and Willshire, Ohio, and was a director for the former Lobenstein and Hower Funeral Home, Decatur, and also worked at Citizens Telephone Co. in Decatur. She was the widow of Frech Hower, who died in 1938, Forest Ripley, who died in 1969, and Rev. Herman Reinking, who died in 1973.

Surviving are daughters, Martha House of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Betty Saarinen of Sarasota, Fla.; a sister, Gertrude Brwon of Decatur, a brother, Lyman Butler of West Plains, Mo.; half sisters, Grace Raymond of Albuquerque, N.M., and Vera Anderson of Wilmette, Ill.; six grandchildren; and several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are 1 p.m. tomorrow in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, where calling is noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.