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John W. Ripley, 70, Decatur, died at 6:57 p.m. Saturday in Adams Memorial Hospital. He was born on July 23, 1937, in Decatur to Leland and Midge Davis Ripley. He married Ann Sue Monnot on June 25, 1966; she survives.

He was a jailer at the Adams County Jail with the sheriff's department and, for many years, was a carpenter with Roe-Ripley Construction Co. in Decatur. He served in the U.S. Army and achieved the rank of E-5 sergeant in an artillery regiment. He was a member of Union United Methodist Church, rural Decatur, and was a youth counselor and a teacher at the church. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 571 in Decatur, where he was a senior deacon. Mr. Ripley was a 1962 graduate of the University of Illinois, with a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture.

Other survivors are two sons, William T. Ripley of Noblesville and Jeffrey J. Ripley of New Haven; two sisters, Enid Roberts of Columbus, Indiana, and Laura P. Joray of Wentworth, South Dakota; five brothers, Charles E. Ripley of Plymouth; Roger D. and Marcus J. Ripley of Decatur; Thomas M. Ripley of Lexington, Kentucky; and Michael K. Ripley of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren. A brother is deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, with burial in Decatur Cemetery. Visiting hours are 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday. Preferred memorials are to the church or to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, at Berne.