

**HARLEY J. ROOP, AGE 71, DIES SATURDAY  
RITES SET WEDNESDAY**

Harley J. Roop, 71, of Decatur, died at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Swiss Village. He had been in failing health since 1983 and had been confined to the care facility the past three years.

Born Sept. 1, 1921 in Mendon, Mich., he was a son of Harley J. and Goldie A. Butcher Roop Sr. His marriage to the former Norma R. Smith, who survives, took place June 25, 1949 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Roop retired in 1983 from Phelps-Dodge (Indiana Rod & Wire) after 36 years of service. He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, American Legion 43 and VFW 6236. He was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II, having fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

In addition to the wife, survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Jerry (Debra) Marshall of Clyde, Ohio, and Linda Smith of Tacoma, Wash.; a brother, Lawrence E. Roop of Berne; three granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

The body will lie in state one hour prior to the 3 p.m. rites Wednesday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, under the direction of Rev. Fuhrman Miller and Rev. Lynn Soughan. Burial will follow in Decatur Cemtery with complete military graveside honors by American Legion Post 43.

Friends may call from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Preferred are memorials to Mr. Roop's church or to Swiss Village.