

**MRS. MILLER'S FATHER, 80, DIES**

Father of Mrs. Richard (Joyce) Miller of Bluffton, Ralph E. Roop, 80, of Decatur died at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday in Decatur Hospital following an extended illness. Mr. Roop was a retired Decatur city engineer and superintendent of its water department. A member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Decatur, he was a member of the Moose Lodge, Masonic Lodge and past commander of American Legion Post 43, all of Decatur. A World War I veteran, he was a member of the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine.

Born July 24, 1896 in Adams County, he was a son of Jesse B. and Elsie Reed Roop. His marriage to Zelma I. Nelson, who survives, took place June 30, 1923.

In addition to the wife and daughter, survivors include a sister, Mrs. Edward (Ruth) Coffee of Cary, Ill.; two brothers, Bryce D. Roop of Decatur and Raymond V. Roop of Zachary, La., four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Thursday at the Winteregg-Linn-Haggard Funeral Home in Decatur, where services at 1:30 p.m. Friday will be in charge of Rev. A. C. Nunery. Burial will be in Decatur cemetery.

Masonic memorial services will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Graveside military rites will be by American Legion Post 43.