

## **Decatur Daily Democrat (IN) - Tuesday, December 2, 2008**

Clarence A. Stapleton, 88, of Decatur, died at 12:38 p.m. Monday in Adams Memorial Hospital after an extended illness.

He married Eleanor L. Smith on November 15, 1947, in Woodburn, Indiana; she survives.

Clarence retired in 2004 from P& H Supply as a salesman and had also worked for Meyer Plumbing and Haugk's Plumbing. He owned and operated Decatur Plumbing and Heating and co-owned and operated Culligan Water with Rex Moore. He also was a salesman for Strickler Trailer Sales in Decatur.

He served his country in the United States Army during World War II in Europe.

Clarence was a member of Decatur Church of God, where he had been chairman of the building committee and a Sunday School teacher. He was a longtime active member of the church and served on numerous boards.

He also was a member of American Legion Post 43 in Decatur and was a Class of 1939 graduate of Decatur High School.

Other survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Ed (Nancy A.) Steiner of Decatur; one brother, Robert Stapleton of Tucson, Arizona; and one granddaughter, Mrs.

James (Christine) Cantwell of Bloomington, Indiana.

One son, Tony Wayne Stapleton, died on April 19, 1969.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Decatur Church of God, with burial in Decatur Cemetery, including military graveside services by the color guard from American Legion Post 43.

Visiting hours are 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to the choir at Decatur Church of God.

To sign the online guest book for condolences, visit [www.zwickjahn.com](http://www.zwickjahn.com)