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Mrs. Lulu Helm-Swearingen, 70, prominent Decatur resident, died late Wednesday afternoon at the Adams county memorial hospital. Death was attributed to complication; and followed an illness of eight months.

Mrs. Swearingen was born in Decatur June 7, 1874, the daughter of Joseph and Emily Congleton-Helm, and spent her entire life in this city with the exception of 10 years when she resided in Chicago, New York and Washington D. C.

She was graduated from the Decatur high school in 1894 and attended Lima college at Lima, O., prior to her marriage to Ralph Eugene Swearingen in 1897. He preceded her in death.

She was a member of the First Methodist church, the Order of Eastern Star, Women's club, and the Decatur home economics club.

Surviving are a son, Milton Swearingen of Decatur; two daughters, Mrs. H.J. Oldham of Mooresville and Mrs. William Lenhart of Fort Wayne; two granddaughters and one grandson, who is in the U.S. navy. A daughter, Edna Catherine, one son Joseph, three brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services, will be held at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning at the First Methodist church with Dr. M.O. Lester officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. Friends may call at the Zwick funeral home after 7:30 o'clock this evening.

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