

Decatur Daily Democrat (IN) - Friday, February 11, 2011

Ronald Thornton, 71, of Decatur, died on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ron was born on August 16, 1939 in Xenia, Ohio, to Edward and Maxine (Elliott) Thornton Sr.

He married Sharon L. Thompson on January 14, 1967.

Ron was a lifetime member of Moose Lodge 1311 in Decatur and a longtime volunteer for the Adams County Emergency Management Agency.

He was a forklift driver at Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne for 34 years and retired in 2005.

Surviving is his wife, Sharon L. Thornton of Decatur; one son, Douglas C. (Stephanie) Thornton of Decatur; his special canine companion, "Cookie"; a brother, Jerry Wayne Thornton of Xenia; two sisters, Diana Charles of Xenia and Kay Cline of Daytona Beach, Florida; three grandchildren, Brittany (Richard) Parrish II, Gregory Thornton, and Cody Thornton, all of Decatur; and two great-grandchildren: Charles A. Lopez and Addison G. Parrish of Decatur.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Edward Thornton Jr.

Visitation is 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2011, at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur and two hours prior to services.

A Moose service will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, in the funeral home, with Rev.

Michael Heinbaugh officiating.

Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Memorials are to Mooseheart.