

ROBERT W. BOWMAN

Robert W. Bowman, 80, 409 Dormac St., died at home at 9:30 a.m. Monday.

He was born on March 24, 1918 in Adams County to Russell and Gertrude Ray Bowman and married Beulah M. Biberstine on April 18, 1946. She died on September 10, 1987.

He retired in 1973 as a truck driver for Central Transport and was a member of Decatur Missionary Church and American Legion Post 43 and Moose Lodge 1311, both of Decatur. He won the first Golden Gloves sportsmanship trophy, presented by the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette in 1936. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army and rose to be a sergeant.

Surviving are two sons, Larry R. Bowman of Decatur and Karry L. Bowman of Geneva; three daughters, Mrs. Dean (Elaine) Harmon, Mrs. Kevin (Sandra) Adams and Mrs. Ronald (Patricia) Oetting, all of Decatur; three brothers, Glen Bowman of Decatur, Max Bowman of Baldwin, Michigan, and DeLane Bowman of Monroe, Michigan; one sister, Mrs. Robert (Juanita) Winer of Battle Creek, Michigan; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A sister, Margaret Bowman, is deceased.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Decatur Missionary Church, with burial in Decatur Cemetery, including military graveside rites by American Legion Post 43. Visiting hours are 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur and 10-11 a.m. Thursday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to the church.