

## **Journal Gazette, The (Fort Wayne, IN) - December 5, 2005**

ELMER BULTEMEIER, 92, of Decatur, died Sunday, Dec. 04, 2005, 8:20 a.m., at Adams Memorial Hospital. Born Dec. 9, 1912, in Preble Township, he was the son of the late Adolph and Wilhelmina (Stoppenhagen) Bultemeier. He married Frieda Wietfoldt on June 3, 1950, celebrating 55 years of marriage this year. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur, American Legion Post 43 for over 50 years, Poe Volunteer Fire Dept. for over 50 years and the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association for over 50 years. He served his country during World War II as a Private First Class in the United States Army in the European Theater. He was a truck driver and was involved in the North African, Rhineland, Rome-Arno, Central France, and Southern France campaigns. He was engaged in farming most of his life and was co-owner/manager of Preble Grain Elevator and had also worked at Schafer Warehouse. Survived by his wife, Frieda Bultemeier of rural Decatur; son, Jerry A. (Deb) Bultemeier of Decatur; sister, Eldora (Hubert) Fuelling of Decatur; and grandsons, Brian C. Bultemeier and Travis J. Bultemeier, both of Decatur. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, Gerhard "Johnny" and Clarence Bultemeier. Service is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur, with calling one hour prior to service Wednesday. Pastor Scott Bruick and Pastor Daniel Gadbow officiating. Calling is also from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and 1 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Burial at Decatur Cemetery, with Military Graveside services conducted by Adams Post 43 Color Guard. Memorials to Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur, Worship for Shut-ins or Donor's Choice. For complete obituary information and to sign the on-line guestbook, visit [www.zwickjahn.com](http://www.zwickjahn.com).