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Deceased Name: Mathilda Busse Decatur - 1905-2003

Mathilda Busse, 97, of Decatur, a homemaker, died Sunday, March 16, 2003, at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

The Wells County native had been a member of Zion Lutheran Church, where she was a charter member of the Missionary Society. Surviving are her daughters, Wanda Mae Hertel of Decatur and Ruth Ann Bienz of Ossian; sons Paul Jr., Ralph E. and Michael G., all of Decatur, and Gary Lee of Peoria, Ill.; a sister, Viola Melton of Ossian; 19 grandchildren; and 45 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul O. Sr.; a son, Ronald; a daughter, Norma Lou; three brothers; and five sisters. Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur, with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Burial will be at Decatur Cemetery. Memorials are to the church.

Information provided by Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, 1-260-724-9164.

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Mathilda Busse, 97, a resident of Decatur, died at 6:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 16, 2003 at the Adams County Memorial Hospital where she had been admitted on Saturday evening, March 15, 2003. She had been a patient at Woodcrest for the past 2 years.

Mathilda was born on March 21, 1905 in Wells County, Indiana to Christian and Mary (Steiner) Graft who are both deceased. She was united in marriage to Paul O. Busse, Sr. on April 17, 1927 in Wells County, Indiana at the home of her parents. Paul preceded her in death on January 5, 1991.

Mathilda was a homemaker and member of the Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur where she was also a Charter Member of the Missionary Society, of the Church.

Mathilda is survived by a daughter: Mrs. Wallace (Wanda Mae) Hertel of Decatur, Indiana; a son: Paul Busse, Jr. of Decatur, Indiana; a son: Ralph E. Busse of Decatur, Indiana; a daughter: Mrs. Frederick (Ruth Ann) Bienz of Ossian, Indiana; a son: Michael G. Busse of Decatur, Indiana; a son: Gary Lee Busse of Peoria, Illinois; a sister: Viola "Peggy" Melton of Ossian, Indiana; 19 Grandchildren and 45 Great-Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 1 son: Ronald who died in infancy; 1 daughter: Norma Lou who also died in infancy, 3 brothers, 5 sisters, and one grandchild, Dawn Busse.

Funeral services for Mathilda will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2003, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur with Pastor John Fuchs officiating. Burial will follow the services at the Decatur Cemetery.

Friends and family will be received from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday in the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, Indiana and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur.

Obit courtesy of Mike Horn