

Decatur Daily Democrat, Adams County, Indiana; Monday, Nov. 30, 1998

Leoniell L. "Smoke" Davidson, 75, 811 W. Monroe St. died at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Adams County Memorial Hospital.

He was born on March 6, 1923 in Berne to Edward R. and Gladys F. Eley Davidson. He married Betty Shook on March 30, 1946; she died on September 23, 1979. He married Joan C. Reidenbach on May 23, 1981; she survives.

He retired in 1967 after a career as a conductor for the former Pennsylvania Railroad and also owned Davidson TV Repair in Decatur for 42 years.

He was a leading member of Decatur Moose Lodge 1311, served as its governor for four years and received the highest honor that can be bestowed by the Loyal Order of Moose, the Pilgrim Degree of Merit. He was named Elk of the Year at 1311 in 1981.

He also was a member of Eagles Lodge 2573, Red Men's Lodge 203, American Legion Post 43 and Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 6236, all in Decatur, and attended United Brethren in Christ Church in Decatur. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army.

Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. John (Pamula S.) Kenney, Decatur; a stepson, David Reidenbach, Decatur; a brother, Richard D. Davidson, Decatur; a sister Luanne Ditto, Torrance, California, and a grandchild.

A sister, Dorcas Thieme, is deceased.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home with burial in Decatur Cemetery, including military graveside rites by American Legion Post 43.

Visiting hours are 6-8 p.m. and 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday with a Pilgrim memorial service conducted by Moose Lodge 1311 at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to Mooseheart.