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Marietta Dellinger, 82

A former hairdresser in Decatur, Marietta Dellinger, 82, died at 1 p.m. Monday, March 11, in the extended care unit of Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Mrs. Dellinger was owner and operator of the Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio in Decatur from 1958 to 1972. She also worked during the 1950s as a waitress at the West End Restaurant. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Decatur and Women of the Moose.

She was born in Adams County July 14, 1919, the daughter of Herman and Louise Miller Meyer. Her marriage at Pleasant Mills on Jan. 18, 1936 was to G. Frederick Dellinger, who survives.

Other survivors are three sons, Frederick A. of Columbia City, Richard S. of Hilliard, Ohio, and Herman L. of Edon, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. Don (Marlene) Melching of Decatur and Carol S. Clouse of Fremont; a sister, Zelma Converse of Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. Four brothers and three sisters are deceased.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur with Rev. Kenneth Mahan officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Visitation hours will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. A memorial service will be performed by the Women of the Moose at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Memorials to the First United Methodist Church, to Mooseheart, or to Adams County Home Health.