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Elise S. Dersch, 104, Decatur, died at 8:05 a.m. Sunday in the nursing center at Woodcrest Retirement Community. She was born on August 30, 1902, in Adams County to Otto E. and Emilie R. Steele Bleeke. She married Clarence J. Dersch on April 7, 1928; he died on July 22, 1984. She was a homemaker who also worked almost eight years at the General Electric Co. plant in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur and its Altar Guild and also a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and the Lutheran Laymen's League. Surviving are two daughters, Dorothy M. Gage and Arlene R. Bentz of Decatur; a son, Wilbur C. Dersch of Decatur; 14 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren. Three brothers, five sisters, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren are deceased. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Zion Lutheran Church, with burial in Decatur Cemetery. Visiting hours are 4-8 p.m. Wednesday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home and 9-10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Preferred memorials are to the church.