

## **News Banner, Wells County, Indiana; Monday, Aug. 4, 1975**

### **LESTER DIEHL DIES; RITES WEDNESDAY**

A native of Bluffton, Lester R. Diehl, 63, of Ohio City, O., Route 2, died at 8:20 a.m. Sunday at Clinic Hospital, where he had been a patient two weeks.

Born Oct. 4, 1911 in Bluffton, he was a son of Lawrence L. and Goldie Graham Diehl. His marriage March 18, 1938 was to Virginia Smith, who survives.

Mr. Diehl, who retired in 1970 from the Decatur Electric Co. in Decatur, was a member of the Decatur First United Methodist Church, Red Men Lodge and Moose Lodge. He served from 1931 through 1935 with the U.S. Marines and participated in the uprising in Nicaragua.

In addition to the wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Larry (Karen) Butler of Delphos, O., and Mrs. Doyt (Sharon) Sheets of Houston, Tex; a son, Dave, of Geneva; a stepson, Paul Patrick of Cincinnati, O; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Eugene (Margaret) Bennett of Indianapolis and Mrs. Lee (Evelyn) Collins of Phoenix, Ariz.

Three brothers, Forest Diehl of Preble and Wendell and Russell (Bud) Diehl, both of Bluffton; three sisters, Mrs. Lucille Fhron (sic) of Lafayette, Mrs. Eugene (Helen) Johnson of Bluffton and Mrs. Merle (Doris) Affolder of Decatur; 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive.

Friends may call after 7 p.m. today at the Zwick Funeral Home in Decatur, where services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday with Rev. A. C. Underwood officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.