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Justine M. Everhart, 89, of Swiss Village in Berne, a former Decatur resident, died at 4:45 a.m. Friday in Adams County Memorial Hospital.

She was born on July 28, 1910, in Decatur to Hubert and Mary Shilling Zerkel and married Sylvester "Steve" Everhart, a longtime educator in the Decatur area, on June 15, 1930. He died on November 1, 1983.

She retired in 1969 as a secretary for North Adams Community Schools and was the former secretary of First United Methodist Church in Decatur, of which she was a member.

She was one of the founders of North Adams Abstract Co., was a member of the Rebekah Circle and the Order of the Eastern Star chapter in Decatur, and was an honorary member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority. She was also a former volunteer worker at Adams County Memorial Hospital and a member of the Walkie-Talkies group in Decatur.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet Torson of Decatur and Mrs. Larry (Janelle) Rensberger of Kalamazoo, Michigan; a brother, Hubert Zerkel of Decatur; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A brother, Wayne Zerkel, and a sister, Margaret Zerkel, are deceased.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday in First United Methodist Church, with burial in Decatur Cemetery. Visiting hours are 3-8 p.m. Sunday in Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, and 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to the church or to Swiss Village.