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Gerald L. "Jerry" Koomler, 82 of Decatur, formerly of Lake George, Indiana, died at his residence on Monday, November 10, 2008.

He was the son of the late Allen R. and Clara Drewery Koomler. Jerry was born on April 6, 1926, in Fort. Wayne.

He married Doris B. Spiegel; she survives in Decatur.

Jerry is also survived by three daughters, Mrs. Louis (Sharon) Zankowski of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Jennifer Boger of Fort Wayne; and Mrs. Stu (Roxanne) Travelbee of Fort Wayne; one stepson, Stewart Spiegel of Decatur; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Anthony (Beverly) Wagner and Mrs. Kevin (Dianne) O'Shaughnessey of Decatur; twin brothers, Ronald Koomler of Anderson and Donald Koomler of Angola; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and 14 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Vernon and Norman Koomler; one sister, Evelyn Davis; and one stepson, Steven Spiegel.

Jerry was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur. He was a district manager for Chrysler Corp. from 1960-79 and retired in 1987 from Schwartz Ford in Decatur. He was a member of American Legion Post 423 of Orland, Indiana, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7205 of Angola. He served his country during World War II and the Korean War in the United States Navy.

Calling will be Wednesday, November 12, 2008, from 3-8 pm at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur. Funeral services will be on Thursday, November 13, 2008, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery, with military graveside rites by the color guard from American Legion Post 43, Decatur.

Memorials are to Family Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeast Indiana, in Berne.