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JOHN E. McCONAHA, 71, died Wednesday in an auto accident in Decatur. Born in Fort Recovery, Ohio, he was a World War II Marine Corps veteran. He retired in 1987 after 37 years in education, serving as a teacher at Belmont Jr. High School and principal at Monmouth Grade School, rural Decatur. He was past master of Fort Recovery Lodge No. 539, serving two terms in 1957 and 1958, and was past president of Adams County Shrine Club and Decatur Lions Club. Surviving are his wife, Sue; two sons, John Michael of Noblesville and Patrick Allen of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sharon S. Jackson of Fishers; a brother, Jerry L. of Versailles, Ohio; and a sister, Mary Helen Mering of Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Services at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, Decatur. Calling from 7 to 9 p.m. today and from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with Masonic services at 5 p.m. Saturday. Calling also an hour before services at the church.

Burial in Decatur Cemetery, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post No. 43. Memorials to the church, Decatur Masonic Lodge or to Shriners Hospital Transportation Fund.