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CARL E. "PETE" MELCHER, 86, of Decatur, died at 11:20 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003. He was married to his first wife, Erna M. Aumann, May 28, 1939, in the St. John Lutheran Church, Bingen, and she preceded him in death, June 28, 1992. He married his second wife, Willadine F. Kleine, Nov. 26, 1994, and she survives. Karl is survived by his second wife, Willadine F. Schroeder-Melcher of rural Fort Wayne; a son, Duane A. (wife, Sue) Melcher of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Mrs. Dale (Leanne) Busick of Decatur; and a son, William H. Melcher of Decatur; four stepsons; three stepdaughters; a sister, Loretta Scheumann of Lombard, Ill.; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 15 step-grandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren. A prayer service will be held at 10:15 a.m. Friday in the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, followed by an 11 a.m. funeral service in the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble. Friends and family will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. today and from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home; and after 9:15 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. For complete obituary information and condolences, visit www.zwickjahn.com