

**Decatur Daily Democrat, Adams County, Indiana; Thursday, Dec 18, 2003**

Esther L. Peterson, 65, a lifelong Decatur resident, died on Tuesday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on January 5, 1938, in Root Township, to Chalmer K. and Melvena M. Smitley Sheets.

She married Don R. Peterson on December 21, 1957; he died on Sep. 26, 2002.

She was a homemaker and a member of Decatur Church of God.

Surviving are two daughters, Bonnie Holland and Mrs. Michael (Karla) Soto, both of Decatur; five sons, Thomas, Robert, Kevin and Tony Peterson, all of Decatur and D. Duane Peterson of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Max Sheets of Lima, Ohio; Lester Sheets of Monroe and Jay Sheets of Decatur; six sisters, Dolores Tcshannen, Josephine Weldy, Carolyn Marbaugh, and Sally McDonough, all of Decatur, Betty Overholser of Logansport and Mary McCarty of Cutler, Indiana; and 11 grandchildren.

A sister is deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in Decatur Church of God, with burial in Decatur Cemetery.

Visiting hours are 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur and 9-10 a.m. Monday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to the church.