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Decatur IN United States

MELVIN RANDEN, 73, of Decatur, died unexpectedly Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at Adams County Memorial Hospital Emergency Room. Born Aug. 26, 1930, in Pleasant Ridge, S.D., he was the son of Mathias and Annette (Bye) Randen. He married Jean Hiott Dec. 28, 1968, in Clinton, W.Va. He was a Korean War veteran serving in the U.S. Air Force as a Flight Mechanic. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur, Adams Post 43 American Legion, Decatur, where he was a past Commander and former member of the Color Guard, Moose Lodge 1311, Decatur and Elks Lodge, Decatur. He retired from Sprint Telephone Co. in 1991, after over 20 years of service, and Werkamp Enterprises, St. Henry, Ohio. Surviving are his daughter Mrs. Richard (Kathy) Short of rural Ossian; son, Melvin Randen Jr. of Fort Wayne; twin brother, Martin Randen of Cloverdale, Calif.; brother, John Randen of Lemmon, S.D.; sisters, Marie Jorgensen of Scappoose, Ore. and Myrtle Dangerud of Hettinger, N.D.; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Jean, who died Aug. 17, 1996; one daughter, Thelma Jean Randen; and six brothers and sisters. Service is 2 p.m. Tuesday, with calling one hour prior, at Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur; the Rev. Scott Bruick officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Graveside service by Adams Post 43 American Legion at Decatur Cemetery. Preferred memorials to Grandchildren's Education Fund or Adams Post 43 Color Guard. For complete obituary information and condolences visit www.zwickjahn.com