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Oran A. Watts, 89, rural Decatur, died at 11:54 p.m. Friday in Adams County Memorial Hospital.

He was born on May 7, 1910 in Indianapolis to Oran and Elizabeth Dickert Watts and married Virginia Diehl on January 27, 1979; she survives.

He retired in 1980 after working for the Peerless Furnace firm and the "Doc" Dancer company. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Oriental Lodge 500 of the Masons, Scottish Rite Valley Murat Temple at Indianapolis, Moose Lodge 1311 in Decatur, and Elks Lodge 993 in Decatur. During World War II, he served in the US Army.

Other survivors are a son, Oran Watts III of Indianapolis; two stepsons, Paul Patrick of Decatur and David Diehl of Payne, Ohio; a daughter, Susan Collins of Dillsboro, Indiana; four stepdaughters, Margaret Bennett of Indianapolis; Evelyn Collins of Modesto, California; Karen Vallance of Ellenton, Florida; and Sharon Sheets of Ohio City, Ohio; three grandchildren and 34 - step grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with visitation until 8 p.m. today and 9-11 a.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery in a private ceremony. Preferred memorials are to the church.