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Mrs. Jacob Zerkel Is Taken by Death

Funeral Services Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. Oceano Zerkel, 88, of 713 North Eleventh street, died at 8:55 O'clock Saturday night at the Adams county memorial hospital, where she had been a patient since suffering a fractured hip Nov. 7

She was born in French township Sept. 17, 1866, a daughter of Vincent and Sarah Alexander Bell and was married to Jacob A. Zerkel Dec. 24, 1885. Her husband preceded her in death Sept. 1, 1939. The family had lived in Decatur since 1926.

Mrs. Zerkel was a member of the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church.

Surviving are one son, Hubert E. Zerkel of Decatur; two daughters, Mrs. Ray Smith and Mrs Ed Kelly, both of Decatur; 17 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild, and two brothers. Three sons, three daughter, five sister and three brothers are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Zwick funeral homje, the Rev. John E. Chamabers officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home until time of the services.