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Opal L. Lillich, 88, a longtime Decatur resident and the mother of Mayor Fred Isch, died at 4:19 p.m. Friday in Adams County Memorial Hospital.

She was born on June 7, 1912 in Van Wert, Ohio, to Delbert H. and Lulu M. Smith Walters. She was first married to Ralph S. Isch, then married Paul F. Lillich on February 17, 1945. Mr. Lillich died on July 17, 1987.

She was a retired employee of Decatur Industries.

Surviving are five sons, Fred R., Hubert D., John E., and Lawrence J. Isch, all of Decatur, and David L. Isch of Winter Haven, Florida; a stepson, Frederick W. Lillich of Celina, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Marie Betz of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 13 stepgrandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Two stepchildren are deceased, Lester L. Lillich and Erma Schaaf.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with burial in Decatur Cemetery. Visiting hours are 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Woodcrest Nursing Home in Decatur or to the Boys' and Girls' Club of Decatur.