

CRASH INJURIES CLAIM LIFE OF DECATUR MAN

DECATUR - William C. Hosea, 57, of Decatur, died at 1:37 p.m. Saturday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, of injuries received Sept. 19 on U.S. 27, five miles north of Decatur. He had been critical since the accident.

Investigating authorities reported a car driven by Richard Hormann, 45, of Fort Wayne, struck the rear of a car driven by Thomas Crawl, 19, of Fort Wayne, and the impact shoved the Crawl auto over the center line and into a head-on crash with the Hosea car. Hosea, who had just attended a two-week school in Seattle, Wash., was en route home at the time of the accident.

After the accident, a semi trailer truck driven by Larry Baumgartner of Decatur struck the Hosea and Crawl autos as Baumgartner was unable to get his truck off the highway to avoid the wreckage.

The only other injury was to Crawl, who received knee lacerations.

Hosea, a former dispatcher for the Decatur Police Department and Adams County Sheriff's Department, was a former member of Adams County Sheriff's Reserve and was one of the organizers of the group. He was also employed as a security agent at Wards store in Southtown Mall in Fort Wayne.

During World War II he spent 11 years with the U.S. Army in Panama as a communications technician. Hosea was a member of the Decatur Moose Lodge and an associate member of the Fraternal Order of Police in Decatur.

Born Sept. 15, 1918, in Indianapolis, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hosea. On Nov. 14, 1957, he married Peggy (Cummings) Watson. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Scottie) Reiff, of Rt. 6, Decatur; a sister, Mrs. Lucille Kauffman of Indianapolis; a brother, Max, of New Era, Mich., and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. EST Wednesday at Zwick Funeral Home, Decatur, the Rev. Richard T. Kraus officiating. Burial will be in Gravel Hill Cemetery at Bryant, Ind.

Friends may call at the funeral home.