

William H. Journey, 92, of Decatur, passed away at 11:15 a.m. Friday, November 11, 2011 at Woodcrest Nursing Center. He was born June 9, 1919, in Jay County, IN the son of the late Orla J. and Cora A. (Bibler) Journey. On August 31, 1947, he married the former Eva Marie Bischoff.

He was a farmer and a science teacher. He first taught at Madison Township Schools and later taught at Bellmont High School for 31 years before retiring in May of 1981.

He was first lieutenant in the U.S. Army with the 178th Field Artillery Battalion, 5th Army, during World War II (Italian Mark Clark's campaign).

He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, of which he served as Sunday School superintendent and teacher. He was a trustee and served on the woods committee at St. Mark's. He also served as superintendent at Bethany United Brethren Church.

He was also a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association, the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Society, the American Legion Post No. 43 in Decatur, and was a former Root Township advisory board member and was active in judging forestry in 4-H.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years Marie Journey of Decatur; three sons, Ronald W. (Rita) Journey of Decatur, Rex L. (Carolyn) Journey of Bryant, and Rick L. (Judy) Journey, D.D.S., Bellevue, OH; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters Doris L. Campbell, Olive J. Lose, and Wanda L. Stewart; and one brother, Darwin Garth Journey.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, with Pastor Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial will be in the Salamonina Cemetery in Salamonina, IN with Military honors provided by the American Legion Post No. 43 color guard.

Visitation will be Sunday from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home and one hour prior to service Monday at the church.

Memorials may be made to St. Mark's United Methodist Church or Fairview United Methodist Church, Portland, or Family Life Care.

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