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CARL O. McCONNELL, 92, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008, 5:55 a.m., at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient for three days. Born on Feb. 2, 1916, in Van Wert, Ohio, to the late James L. and Nora P. (Finkenhausen) McConnell, he retired in 1976 from N & W Railroad, with 38 years of service as an Engineer. He was a member of Grace Gathering Church in New Haven, Moose Lodge 1311, Legion of the Moose and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He married Martha "Elaine" Gaffer on April 10, 1937, in Columbia City; she survives in Fort Wayne. Also surviving are his sister, Ruth J. Roe of Indianapolis; and nephew, Terry Sieger of Woodburn. He was preceded in death by his sister, Edna Preston. Service is 1 p.m. Wednesday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial in Decatur Cemetery. Preferred memorials to Grace Gathering Church. Condolences, complete obituary information and to sign the online guestbook, visit www.zwickjahn.com.