

Bluffton News-Banner, Wells County, IN

Howard E. "Hobby" Habegger, 84, of the Swiss Village in Berne, died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

He was a former resident of Monroe and a member of the Monroe United Methodist Church, having served on many boards. He also was a member and past president of the Monroe Lions Club and its secretary for 24 years and former Lions zone chairman and past deputy district governor. He was a volunteer for 12 years with the Monroe Fire Department.

Mr. Habegger was a former owner of Monroe Grain and Supply from 1954 to 1974 and owner of Hobby's Rat Bait for 15 years.

He was born in Adams County Jan. 24, 1916 to John J. and Eltie Rose Habegger. His marriage at Berne on Nov. 28, 1946 was to Frema B. Poling, who survives.

Surviving also are a son, Kenneth L. of Naperville, Ill; two sisters, Elsie Affolder and Mrs. Maurice (Edith) Miller, both of Berne; and three grandchildren. A brother, Ralph, died Nov. 23, 1999 and a sister, Marjorie Daugherty, also is deceased.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday will be at the Monroe United Methodist Church with Rev. Ron Mabry officiating. Burial will be in Backesto/Springhill Cemetery at Monroe.

Calling hours at Swiss Village Auditorium will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and at the church Thursday for one hour prior to services.

Memorials to the church or to the Monroe Lions Club.

Arrangements are in charge of Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home.

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