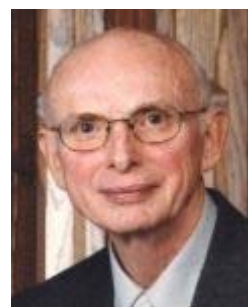


## Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home

Herbert Eugene "Herb" Fruchte, 81, of Monroe, died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday at home of natural causes.



He was born on December 2, 1929 in Decatur to Albert and Elma Christman Fruchte. He married Clisty Rich on August 6, 1950 and she survives.

He graduated from Decatur High School in 1947 and was the second person hired at the CTS Corp. plant in Berne, where he had a long career as an engineer from 1959 until retirement. After retiring, he assisted and supported Bi-County Services. He was also very active in the Monroe United Methodist Church, including serving on the board of trustees, and was a former member of the Monroe Lions Club.

Other survivors are one son, Keith Fruchte of Monroe; two daughters: Karen Bollenbacher of Decatur and Mrs. Scott (Connie) Sprunger of Berne; one brother, Roger Fruchte of Decatur; three grandchildren: Kristina Sprunger Dudgeon and Allison Sprunger of Berne and Jennifer Sprunger Gilbert of Monroe; and two great-grandchildren, Lauren Dudgeon and Austin Dudgeon of Berne.

One brother, Don Fruchte, and two sisters, Juanita Wasson and Margaret Fruchte, are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Monroe United Methodist Church, with Pastor Eric Stoops officiating.

Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, rural Monroe.

Visiting hours will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday and from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to Monroe United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements were by Thoma, Rich, Chaney, and Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

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