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**RALPH BEER**

Ralph Beer, 78, a resident at Swiss Village, Berne, died at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

A retired businessman, Mr. Beer was the owner of Habit Cleaners in Berne for 36 years before retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Berne Lions Club and of Cross United Church of Christ, where he was in the church choir. A member of Berne American Legion Post 468, Mr. Beer was a World War II veteran with the United States Army.

Born in Adams County on November 17, 1917, he was the son of Harve and Rosa Liechty-Beer. He was married on January 16, 1942, to Ruth Borne; she died in 1990. Survivors include two sons, Randy L. Beer, Berne, and Richard "Rick" A Beer, Wells, Maine; two daughters, Mrs. Greg (Deborah) Stewart, Berne, and Mrs. Skip (Sherill) Handy, Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mrs. Ellen Leyse, Monroe; Mrs. Sarabelle Zeigler, Berne and Mrs. Iona Melchi, Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren. A sister, Irene Sprunger is deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Cross United Church of Christ, Berne, with burial in the MRE Cemetery, Berne. Calling is 2-8 p.m. Friday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, and one hour prior to services at the church Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to Swiss Village or to the Cross United Church of Christ Assistance Fund.