

Edward Eugene "Gene" Burkhalter, 71, of Berne, Indiana passed away Saturday, February 21, 2009 in the Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Indiana.

Edward was born on January 15, 1938 in Adams County, Indiana the son of Robert and Erma (Carver), both deceased.

Edward was a member of the First Mennonite Church in Berne, Indiana and was an employee of Smith Brothers Furniture also of Berne for thirty-two years. He had a special interest and talent in fixing horse drawn machinery. Ed also was a faithful volunteer at Swiss Heritage Village and maintained and demonstrated to the visitors old fashioned farm machinery.

Edward is survived by a sister, Rochelle (Marvin) Cook of Geneva, Indiana and a brother Daryll Burkhalter of Pennville, Indiana. Other survivors include a close friend, Duane "Skeet" Sprunger and nine nieces and nephews.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Robert "Bob" Burkhalter.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 25, 2009 in the Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne, Indiana with the Rev. Jerry Flueckiger officiating. Interment will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery of rural Berne, Indiana.

Friends and family will be received at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 25 till the time of service at Yager-Kirchhofer.

Preferred memorials are to the First Mennonite Church of Berne, Indiana.

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