

**EDNA S. DESTER**

Edna S. Dester, 94, Berne, a resident of Swiss Village since January of 1982, died there at 1:50 a.m. Saturday after having been ill for one year.

She was born on September 23, 1901 in Adams County to Calvin and Barbara Lehman Liechty and married Dr. Herbert Dester on June 21, 1969. He died in August, 1984.

She retired in 1969 after 45 years as secretary and bookkeeper to Schug-Neuenschder Insurance Co. in Berne. She was a member of First Mennonite Church in Berne and its Women in Mission group. She was the church attendance secretary for Sunday School for more than 10 years.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Ulrick (Maryann) Reinhard and Mrs. Loris (Helen) Stucky, both of Berne, and Mrs. Roy (Elfrieda) Pflueger, Fort Wayne. Deceased are a brother, Paul E. Liechty, and two sisters, Trella Norr and Linda Liechty.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in First Mennonite Church, with burial in MRE Cemetery, Berne. Visiting hours are today until 8 p.m. and 9-9:15 Wednesday in Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the church. Preferred memorials are to church mission projects, the Commission on Overseas Missions and/or Sews Bhawun Hospital in Jagdesyme, India.

**Contributed by Karin King**