

**(Assumed Decatur Democrat) Adams County, Indiana; Friday, June 2, 1995**

David R. Habegger, 74, Berne, died at 8:05 a.m. Thursday in Swiss Village after having been ill for several years.

He was born on September 24, 1920 in Adams County to Jacob H. and Rosina Schwartz Habegger and married Sandra Sprunger of October 28, 1978. She survives.

He was a retired foreman at Berne Furniture Co. and a well-known high school football and basketball referee from 1949-87, including refereeing the state basketball finals in Indianapolis in 1966 and 1967.

He was a former member of the Berne Jaycees and the Berne Park Board and a former parttime employee at Gerber Brothers supermarket in Berne. He attended Grace Bible Church in Berne and was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Tom (Michale) Copeland, Worthington, Ohio, and Mrs. Stan (Nancy) Augsburger, Zanesville, Ohio; four brothers, Joel Habegger, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Lester Habegger, Seattle, Washington; Cliff Habegger, Fort Wayne; and Jesse Habegger, Berne; three sisters: Martha Schrock, Rose Matthew, and Metta Steury, all of Berne; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Deceased are a brother, Eli Habegger, and a sister, Selma Inniger.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Grace Bible Church, Berne, with burial in MRE Cemetery, Berne, including military graveside rites by American Legion Post 468 of Berne. Visiting hours are ?? p.m. Saturday in Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne and 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday in the church.