

Jesse R. Habegger, 86, of Berne, Indiana passed away at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2008 at the Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Indiana.

Jesse was born on March 31, 1922 in Adams County, Indiana the son of Jacob and Rosina (Schwartz) Habegger, both deceased. He married Norma Augsburger and she preceded him in death on 2001. He married Artise Habegger on November 8, 2003 and she survives.

Jesse was a member of the West Missionary Church of Berne, Indiana. He was a WW II US Air Force Veteran. He was retired from Berne Furniture Company with over thirty years of service as the supervisor of quality control. He was a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, choir member, and former President of the Board of Deacons. Jesse was also co-owner of the Casual Shoppe in Berne and a former member of the Berne City Council. He enjoyed playing pool, bowling, and watching sports.

Jesse is survived by his wife Artise of Berne, Indiana; a son, Ron (Cheryl) Habegger of Kunkletown, Pennsylvania; a daughter, Susan (Wayne) Kaminski of San Antonio, Texas; a brother, Joel Habegger of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; a brother Cliff Habegger of Berne, Indiana, a brother Les Habegger of Gilbert, Arizona, and a sister Rose Matthew of Berne, Indiana. Other survivors include five grandchildren; Aaron Habegger, Emily Gillen, Melissa Byrd, Jesse Kaminski, and Stephanie Swanson; and six great-grandchildren; Jack and Maggie Swanson, Glen and Shiloh Byrd, and Clarissa and Travis Habegger.

Jesse was preceded in death by a son, Stephen J. Habegger; brothers Eli and David Habegger; and sisters, Selma Inniger, Martha Schrock, and Metta Steury.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 5, 2009 at the West Missionary Church of rural Berne, Indiana with the Rev. Keith Rupp officiating. Interment will follow at the M.R.E. Cemetery of Berne, Indiana. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Berne American Legion Post #468. Family and friends will be received from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. Sunday, January 4, 2009 at the Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne, Indiana and one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday. Preferred memorials are to the West Missionary Church or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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