

W. WARD HOUSER

W. Ward Houser, 71, 235 Butcher St., Geneva, who retired in 1980 from Berne Furniture Co., Berne, died at 6:30 p.m. Friday at his home.

He was a member of First Mennonite Church, Berne, the men's chorus of the church, and the Adamizer's Barbershop Chorus. Born in Wabash Township on Nov. 17, 1914, he was the son of Jacob and Ola Gierhart-Houser, and was married Nov. 20, 1941, in Adams County, to Louise Sommer, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ray (Marilyn) Hamm, Manitoba, Canada, and Mr. Bob (Judy) Stauffer, Fort Wayne; one sister, Mrs. Howard (Hildra) Sawyer, Bluffton; and four grandchildren. One child and two brothers are deceased.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at First Mennonite Church, Rev. Kenneth Bauman and Rev. Curt Claassen officiating. Burial will be in MRE Cemetery, Berne. Friends may call at Downing Funeral Home, Geneva, from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and one hour prior to services at the church Tuesday. Memorials are to the Mennonite Church Missions.