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**Russell L. Keys**

**Berne - 1950-1999**

Russell L. Keys, 49, of Berne, a member of Decatur Church of the Nazarene, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 1999, at home.

The St. Louis native was the owner and operator of Tri-State Trucking Co. and had worked for Elmer Miller Construction Co. He was a Vietnam War veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Susan; sons Russell S. and Michael, both of Berne; daughters Michelle L. Keys of Fort Wayne, Melinda Hough of Berne, and Jamie Rush of Decatur; sisters Janet Myers of Bryant and Sharon Wittman of Berne; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Glorijean Keys.

Services are 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Decatur Church of the Nazarene, Decatur. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, and one hour before services at the church. Burial with military rites will be in M.R.E. Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Information provided by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, 1-219-589-3101.