

**Decatur Daily Democrat, Adams County, Indiana; Thursday, April 8, 2004**

Earl S. Lehman, 85, of Berne, a well-known Berne businessman for many years, died at 2:25 p.m. Wednesday in Swiss Village.

He was born on October 17, 1918, in Adams County to Herman and Lydia Neuenschwander Lehman.

He married Corinne Habegger on November 26, 1939 and she survives.

He was a salesman at Berne Hardware Co. until he entered the U.S. Army in World War II and spent three years as a medic in field hospitals around the Pacific Ocean area.

Returning to Berne, he became co-owner of Lehman Heating and Plumbing and helped operate the firm for 40 years; it is now known as Lehman Mechanical.

He was also an active member of First Mennonite Church at Berne, serving as a trustee, usher, Sunday School teacher, and Chancel Choir member.

Other survivors are a son, Gregg Lehman of Franklin, Tennessee; three daughters, Mrs. Rod (Jane) Mosser, Mrs. Jim (Lora) Flueckiger, and Mrs. Neal (Cindy) Reusser, all of Berne; three sisters, Elmira Wulliman, Lorraine McKean, and Mrs. Bob (Marilyn) Flueckiger, all of Berne; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in First Mennonite Church, with burial in MRE Cemetery, rural Berne.

Visiting hours are 4:30-9 p.m. Friday in Swiss Village and 9-11 a.m. Saturday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to the boiler fund at the church, to Swiss Village, and to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana at Berne.

Funeral arrangements were by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne.