

Adam J. Liechty

(June 25, 1918 - January 14, 2009)

Adam J. Liechty, 90, of Berne, Indiana went to his Heavenly Home on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 12:45 a.m. Adam passed away from lung cancer.

Adam was born on June 24, 1918 at Brinsmade, North Dakota the son of John H. and Clara May (Witmer) Liechty. He was the oldest of seven children. Four brothers, Ezra, Jonathan, Silas, and Reuben live in Jamestown, North Dakota. One brother, Paul, is deceased and his only sister, Ruth, passed away at the age of three years old.



Adam married Marcella Sprunger on January 3, 1942. She was the oldest daughter of Marcus and Clara Sprunger. To this union were born three sons, Rev. Stanley W. (Shirley) Liechty of Port Huron, Michigan; Mr. John (Peggy) Liechty of Ypsilanti, Michigan and Dallas C. (Jacki) Liechty of Osceola, Indiana; and two daughters, Mrs. Daniel (Anita C.) Wenger of Berne, Indiana; and Mrs. Gary H. (Audrey M.) Kah of Fishers, Indiana.

Adam's first wife, Marcella Sprunger, passed away on May 30, 1987. On January 7, 1989 he married Julia G. Beitler of Berne, Indiana. From this marriage he has four step children, Mr. Robert B. (Sharon) Beitler of Forest, Ohio; Mr. John S. (Brenda) Beitler of Kennet Square, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Laurence (Christine A.) Nofziger of Alberta, Canada; and Mr. Stanley W. Beitler of Bluffton, Indiana. Adam also has fifteen grandchildren, ten step grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and nine step great-grandchildren.

Adam was a Veteran of World War II, where he served in the Medical Corp. and was attached to the 48th Armored Infantry of the 7th Armored Division as a Medical Aid Man on the front lines. He saw plenty of action being on the front line for eight months. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, four Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and other decorations. He prayed daily for God's protection as he cared for the wounded.

Every place that Adam lived, he put up a flag pole and flew the Stars and Stripes. He was thankful for the freedoms we enjoy in the U.S.A.

Adam came to Berne after being discharged from the Army in October of 1945. He got a job at the 5 cent to \$1.00 Store in Berne working for Mr. Orval Hurst. After a few years, he bought out Mr. Hurst and was the owner and manager of the store. A few years later, he sold the business to Wilber Fess and went to Liechty Motors and sold cars for

Milton and Roman Liechty. In 1962, he went to Home Dairy as a salesman for seventeen years.

His most recent venture was the building of Park Village and Continental Village Apartments where he was part owner and manager. Adam was also responsible for Chalet Village Nursing Home coming to the Berne Community. He was a member of the Indiana Rural Rental Housing Association for fifteen years.

At the age of eighty, Adam decided to retire. He and his wife Julia lived at 1506 Old Colonial Drive in Berne, Indiana enjoying their retirement.

Adam was an active member of the First Mennonite Church in Berne. He sang in the Mennonite Mens Chorus for twenty-five years. He was also an active member of Gideons International for fifty-eight years. He placed many Gideons Bibles in hotels and motels from New York to Chicago and many cities in Indiana.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 19, 2009 in the First Mennonite Church in Berne, Indiana with the Rev. Jerry Flueckiger officiating. Interment will follow in the M.R.E. Cemetery of rural Berne, Indiana.

Family and friends will be received from 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Sunday, January 18, 2008 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 Gideons International or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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