

**Melvin E. Liechty**

**Berne - 1914-2002**

Melvin E. Liechty, 88, of Berne, a former builder and carpenter, died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Adams County native was a self-employed auctioneer and real estate broker as Mel Liechty & Associates for more than 45 years. He was past president of Realtors Association of Jay, Adams & Wells Counties, and former member of Monroe Lions Club. He was also former manager of Parkway Restaurant and a freelance photographer; helped originate Monroe Volunteer Firemen; served as treasurer; and served on Adams Central Schools PTA. He was a former Adams County Music Booster.

Surviving are sons Dr. Barry W. of Fort Wayne and Melvin E. II of Newark, Del.; daughters Dianne Parrett of Berne and Patricia Brown of Muncie; brothers Loren and the Rev. Robert, both of Berne; sisters Anna Roop and Berneita Lehman, both of Berne; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Celeste, three brothers and two sisters. Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Mennonite Church, Berne, with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Decatur. Burial will be at MRE Cemetery. Memorials are to Swiss Village Endowment Fund or Wycliff Bible Translator. Information provided by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, 1-260-589-3101.