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Ferris A. Mertz, 80, a former South Adams School bus driver, died Friday at Swiss Village in Berne.

Born Sept. 9, 1924 in Adams County, he was the son of Menno and Aldine (Roth) Mertz. He married Minnie Steiner on March 2, 1947. She survives.

He was a retired farmer and drove school bus for the South Adams School Corporation for 32 years. He was a member of the Jay County REMC Board of Directors. He also was a member of West Missionary Church, Berne, and past director of the Adams County Co-Op.

Other survivors include: a son, Mike Mertz, Geneva; three daughters, Mrs. Gerald (Jean) Moser, Kokomo, Marcia Von Gunten, Berne, and Mrs. Troy (Janet) Lehman, Berne; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services are Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at West Missionary Church, with the Revs. Keith Rupp and Anita Rediger officiating. Burial will be at M.R.E. Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 1 to 8 p.m. at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne, and Tuesday, one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials may be made to the West Missionary Church Missions and C & C Bible Fellowship.