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RALPH M. MILLER, 99 of Berne, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2003 at Parkview Hospital. Survived by two daughters, Evelyn L. Miller of Berne, Mildred O'Brien of Tucson, Ariz.; and son, Lewis Miller of Findlay, Ohio. Service 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Cross United Church of Christ, with calling from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Yager-Kirchhofer F.H. and one hour prior to service at the church in Berne.

News Banner, Wells County, Indiana; Nov. 11, 2003

A retired dealer for DeKalb seed corn with many Wells County customers, Ralph M. Miller, 99, died at 4:35 a.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Born May 31, 1904 in Marion to Martin V. and Hedwig "Hattie" Maurer Miller, he was raised by his grandparents Frederick and Anna Marie Maurer of Berne. He married the former Bertha Spichiger in Plymouth on Oct. 19, 1929. She preceded him in death in 2002.

A member of Cross United Church of Christ, Mr. Miller had held the offices of Hartford Twp. Trustee and Hartford and Monroe Twp. Assessor in Adams County. He was a retired farmer and former employee of Dunbar Furniture in Berne.

Survivors include one son, Lewis E. Miller, Findlay, Ohio; two daughters, Evelyn L. Miller, Berne, and Mildred O'Brien, Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Robert Miller, Royal Oak, Mich.; a half brother, Martin Miller of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a half sister, Fern Huttinger, Naples, Fla.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, two half brothers and one half sister.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday will be held at Cross United Church of Christ in Berne. Rev. Randall Luther will officiate and burial will be in the MRE Cemetery west of Berne. Calling hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church. Memorials may be made to the church or to Swiss Village.

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