(Died December 29, 2008) Erma Neuen, 101, of Brentwood, Tennessee and a former resident of Berne, Indiana passed away peacefully on Monday, December 29, 2008.

Erma Neuen

Erma was the matriarch of her family, loved and admired by all her friends and family. She will be missed by those whose lives she touched.



For many years, Erma and her husband Lee were the owners of Lee's Department Store, located in downtown Berne, Indiana.

Erma is survived by two sons, Donald (Sue) Neuen of Yorba Linda, California; Lawrence (Doris) Neuen of Newton, North Carolina; one daughter, Lois (Carter) Bondesen of Brentwood, Tennessee; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Pearl May Whitcomb; two brothers, Elery Whitcomb and Russell Whitcomb; and one sister, Gwen Whitcomb.

Erma was preceded in death by her loving husband, Lee; her parents, James A. and

A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 9, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Brentwood United Methodist Church, with family visitation in the narthex one hour prior to the service. Honorary pallbearers will be the Robert I. Moore Sunday School Class.

A second memorial service will be held on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Mennonite Church in Berne, Indiana with family visitation one hour prior to the service in the fellowship hall. Burial will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery beside her beloved Lee.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful caregivers at Brighton Gardens, Claiborne Hughes, and WillowBrook Hospice. Thanks and appreciations are also extended to Dr. Karin Coetzee-Moolman who served as her primary care physician for many years.

Memorials may be made to the W.O. Smith Music School, P.O. Box 121348, Nashville, Tennessee 37212; WillowBrook Hospice, 381 Riverside Drive, Franklin, Tennessee 37064 or the Mennonite Choral Society, P.O. Box 111, Berne, Indiana 46711.

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