

Simon D. Neuenschwander, 77, of Van Wert, died at 9:05 a.m. Nov. 27, 2003, at Vancrest Nursing Home, Van Wert. He was born Dec. 11, 1925, in Adams County, to David P. and Katherine Laura Amstutz Neuenschwander. On June 29, 1947, he married Esther R. Liechty who died in 1981. On Feb. 12, 1983, he married Doris Worthington who survives. Also surviving are four daughters, Susan Kaye (David) Wulliman, Berne, Ind., Ann Marie (James) Zollinger and Denise Arlene (Dan) Duvall, all of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Jo Elaine (Eldon) Williams, Celina; three stepsons, Robert (Patricia) Worthington, Wyoming, Larry (Mary) Worthington, Conover, and Freddie (Brenda) Worthington, Springborol; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren. Other survivors include five brothers, Philip D., Alvin D., William D., Paul D. and Howard D., all of Berne; and three sisters, Lydia (Joel) Neuenschwander and Laura (Omer) Sprunger, all of Berne, and Maryann (Roger) Beer, Linn Grove. Deceased are three brothers, David, Vilas and Daniel, and a sister, Caroline. He formerly owned Berne Equity Meat Market and then owned and operated Rockford Locker Service for 25 years. He was a farmer and part-time groundskeeper at Utgard Farms in Van Wert. He also assisted with publication of The Photo Star in Willshire for six years. He was a member of First Mennonite Church in Berne and served as a volunteer during World War II. Services are 1:30 p.m. Monday at the church, the Rev. Craig Maven and Marie Nussbaum officiating. Burial will follow at M.R.E. Cemetery, Berne. Calling is 2-9 p.m. Sunday and 9-11 a.m. Monday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, and after noon Monday at the church. Contributions can be made to the First Mennonite Church Kitchen Committee or Gideons International.

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