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LaVerne D. "Squirt" Sprunger

Berne - 1915-2000

LaVerne D. "Squirt" Sprunger, 84, of Berne, a member of Berne Lions Club, died Saturday, July 8, 2000, at Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

"His hobbies included fishing, woodworking and traveling."

The Adams County native managed the Adams County Farm Bureau Co-op Lumber for 24 years before retiring in 1980. He was a church trustee at First Missionary Church, Berne, and was active in the music and ministry of the church.

Surviving are his wife, Lucille; daughters Roxanne Leichty of Newport News, Va., and Lana Schwartz of Berne; a sister, Glenna Moser of Berne; five grandchildren; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James; and sisters Carolyn Merillat and Henrietta Nussbaum.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Missionary Church, Berne, with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be from 1 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne. Burial will be at M.R.E. Cemetery, Berne.

Memorials are to the church missions.

Information provided by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, 1-219-589-3101.