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Melvin E. Sprunger

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Melvin E. Sprunger, 81, of Berne, a member of First Missionary Church, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at Swiss Village. The Adams County native was a production manager for 16 years at Smith Brothers of Berne. He was a member of Boy Scouts, Berne City Council and American Legion. He served in the Army during World War II. Surviving are sons Gary of Lafayette, Jay of Montgomery, Ill., and Lew of Berne; a daughter, Linda Newman of Fort Wayne; brothers Eli, Leroy and Tilman, all of Berne; sisters Minnie Basinger of Bluffton, Ohio, Edith Minger of Berne, and Miriam Sprunger of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mathilda; three brothers; and two sisters. Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Missionary Church, Berne, with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne. Burial will be at M.R.F. Cemetery. Memorials are to the church or Parkinson Foundation.

Information provided by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, 1-260-589-3101.