James Martin Von Gunten

(June 13, 1918 - March 18, 2009)

James Martin Von Gunten, 90, of Berne, Indiana, passed away at 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2009 in the Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Indiana.



James was born on June 13, 1918 in Adams County, Indiana the son of Dr. Rufus and Ida (Sprunger) Von Gunten, both deceased. He married Martha Jones on May 10, 1940 and she preceded him in death in 2008.

James was veteran of WW II where he served in the United States Army Air Corp as a Pilot Instructor. He was a member of the First Mennonite Church in Berne, Indiana. James was a former employee of the Winner House for seventeen years. He later was the Credit Manager and Purchasing Agent for Dunbar Furniture, retiring from there in 1983 after twenty-seven years of service.

James is survived by a son, Deryll Von Gunten of Berne, Indiana and a daughter, Dianne Faye Parkerson of Boca Raton, Florida. Other survivors include a granddaughter, Tanya Kelly of Houston, Texas.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Martha; a brother, Fred Von Gunten; and a sister, Ann Wright.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2009 in the Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne, Indiana with the Rev. Jerry Flueckiger officiating. Interment will follow in the M.R.E.Cemetery of rural Berne.

Family and friends will be received from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2009 in the Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home and one hour prior to the funeral service on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to the First Mennonite Church or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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