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The following obituary is being republished to provide additional information.

Berne

JAMES JEROME YAGER, 83, died Sunday at Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur. He was the former president and chairman of Berne Furniture Co. Inc., Yager Furniture, Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Yager Bros. Farms, JMJ real estate holding company and Pine Lake Enterprises, all in Berne, and Yager Funeral Homes (Bahamas) Ltd. in Freeport/Lucaya, Grand Bahama Island, Bahamas. He was born in Berne and was the former Adams County coroner. Surviving are four daughters, Rosalind, Judy, Jan and Jeremi; a son, Jay; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel Deloris, on Feb. 10, and a daughter, Suzanne Yager Smith.

Services at 2 p.m. Sunday at Cross United Church of Christ. Calling from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home. Calling also from 1 p.m. until services Sunday at the church.

Burial in MRE Cemetery. Memorials to the church.