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MARIE ZERKEL, 88, of Berne died Wednesday. The Oklahoma native formerly worked for Dunbar Furniture and was a bookkeeper for IGA before retiring. Her husband, Kenneth, died in 1952. Surviving are sons, Gene of Anchorage, Alaska, Jerry L. of Little Rock, Ark. and Ronald B. of Fort Meyers, Fla.; daughters, Kathleen Sauers of rural Decatur and Sherryl Martin of Logansport; 30 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and 42 great-great-grandchildren. Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Calvary United Methodist Church, Linn Grove. Calling is from 2 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne. Calling is also one hour before services at the church. Burial will be in MRE Cemetery, Berne. Memorials are to the church.

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Marie Zerkel, 88, Berne, died at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday in Swiss Village of heart failure after a long illness.

She was born on March 11, 1908 in Caddo County, Oklahoma, to Willis M. and Rachel Fields Burdgd. She married O. Kenneth Zerkel on December 19, 1925; he died in 1952.

She was a former office worker at Dunbar Furniture in Berne and was a bookkeeper for the Berne IGA grocery for many years. She was a member of the United Methodist Missionary Society and Calvary United Methodist (sic) Church of Linn Grove.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Wayne (Kathleen) Sauers, rural Decatur, and Mrs. Larry (Sherryl) Martin, Logansport; four sons, Gene Zerkel, Anchorage, Alaska; James M. Zerkel, Joplin, Missouri; Jerry L. Zerkel, Little Rock, Arkansas; and Ronald B. Zerkel, Fort Myers, Florida; 30 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Deceased are two brothers, Gilbert and Wayne Burdgd, and two sisters, Bessie Croy and Lucy Doke.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Calvary United Methodist Church, with burial in MRE Cemetery, Berne. Visiting hours are until 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. - noon Saturday in Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, and from 1-2 p.m. Saturday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to the church.