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Frederick M. Besser

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Frederick M. Besser, 71, of Geneva, a Korean War Army veteran, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at Adams County Hospital in Decatur.

The Jay County native retired in 1991 from Dunbar Furniture Co. in Berne and had worked for Geneva Manufacturing Co. He was a member of Geneva VFW and Berne American Legion. Surviving are his wife, Wanda L.; daughters Kelly Murphy of Geneva and Shelly Hough; a sister, Marilyn Fite of Marion; brothers William and Phillip, both of Dunkirk, Joseph of Huron, Lowell of Ceylon and Jeffery of Parker City; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Downing Funeral Home, Geneva, with calling one hour before services and also from 2 to 9 p.m. today. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Geneva. Memorials are to High Street Methodist Church Building Fund.

Information provided by Downing Funeral Home, Geneva, 1-219-368-7676.

Frederick M. Besser, 71, of Geneva, died at 3:35 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, [2001], at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

He retired in 1991 from Dunbar Furniture Co. in Berne and worked for the Geneva Manufacturing Co.

Mr. Besser was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Geneva and the American Legion at Berne.

He was born in Jay County Jan. 31, 1930, a son of Milton W. and Lucy L. McDaniels Besser. His marriage at Pennville in May 1951 was to Wanda L. Codling, who survives.

Surviving also are two daughters, Mrs. Paul (Kelly) Murphy and Mrs. Stan (Shelly) Hough, both of Geneva; five brothers, William and Phillip, both of Dunkirk, Joseph of Huron, Lowell "Mike" of Ceylon, and Jeffery of Parker City; a sister, Mrs. Joseph (Marilyn) Fite of Marion; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and a grandson are deceased.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Downing Funeral Home in Geneva with Rev. John Randall officiating.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Geneva.

Visitation hours will be Friday from 2 to 9 p.m. and Saturday for one hour prior to services.

Memorials to the building fund of the High Street United Methodist Church at Geneva.

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