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**Elmo J. Butcher**

**Geneva - 1914-2001**

Elmo J. Butcher, 86, of Geneva, a retired truck driver with Teledyne Portland Forge in Portland, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, at Chalet Village Health Care in Berne.

The Jay County native retired in 1978 after 37 years of service and also owned Butcher Lawn Mowing for six years. He was a member of Portland Eagles and Loyal Order of Moose and High Street United Methodist Church. He had served in Civilian Conservation Corps. Surviving are his wife, Ruth C.; sons Larry E. of Greentown and John M. of Geneva; a daughter, Sharon Blankenbaker of Pennville; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers and a half brother. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Downing Funeral Home, Geneva, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Geneva. Memorials are to Parkinson Foundation or blood donation to American Red Cross.