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**Berne - ROBERT L. LAUTZENHEISER**, 76, died Tuesday at Caylor-Nickel Medical Center, Bluffton. Born in Mercer County, Ohio, he was in the Army Air Corps and retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Geneva in 1983 after 21 years. Surviving are his wife, Mary Jean; three sons, Roger of Terre Haute, Rodney of Berne and Rex of Brandon, Fla.; two daughters, Sue Sprunger and Cindy Sprunger, both of Berne; a brother, Donald of Berne; two sisters, Edna Mae Shoaf of Berne and Wanda Buck of Bradenton, Fla.; 17 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services at 2 p.m. Friday at Downing Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services. Calling also from 2 to 9 Thursday, with Masonic services by Geneva Lodge 621 at 8:30 p.m.

Burial at Riverside Cemetery, Geneva. Memorials to Adams County Heart Association or Bryant Redeemer Church Organ Fund.