

**Bluffton News-Banner, Wells Co, IN; July 15, 2002**

Hugh "Abe" Stauffer, 84, formerly of Geneva, died at 2:10 p.m. Sunday, July 14, at Chalet Village Health Care in Berne.

Mr. Stauffer was engaged as a carver at Berne Furniture Co. in Berne. He was a veteran of U.S. Army service during World War II and was a member of VFW Post 6751 at Geneva for more than 50 years and the American Legion Post at Berne.

He was born Nov. 27, 1917 to Rufus and Mary Binegar Stauffer. His marriage at Geneva on Oct. 4, 1947 was to Bessie V. Baker, who died May 2, 1967.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Edward (Karen) Zeigler of Muncie; two sons, Ron L. of Geneva and David A. of Berne; two sisters, Mrs. Basil (Jessie) King of Bluffton and Mrs. Curt (Ruth) Pace of Marion; and six grandchildren.

A brother is deceased.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Downing Funeral Home in Geneva, where calling hours will be Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m. Rev. Wilbur Taylor will officiate and burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Geneva.

Memorials to Geneva VFW Post 6751.