

VICTOR H. McBARNES

Victor H. McBarnes, 83, Berne, a former Geneva resident, died at 6:51 a.m. Saturday in Caylor-Nickel Medical Center, Bluffton. He was a resident of Swiss Village and had been in failing health.

He was born in Adams County on February 7, 1907 to Wade H. and Carolyn Ehling McBarnes and married Martha E. Eicher on July 4, 1940. She died on May 13, 1989. He retired in 1970 after a career as a heavy equipment operator for Meshberger Brothers Stone Corp., Berne, then worked as a janitor at The Bank of Geneva's main office and as a repairman and deliveryman for Hanni Furniture in Geneva. He was a member of High St. United Methodist Church, Geneva.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Howard (Judy) Williams, Monroe; a brother, Melvin McBarnes, routh 2, Decatur; three sisters, Doris Brown, Port Richey, Florida; Mrs. Gene (Ruth) Sommers, route 2, Decatur; and Mrs. Walter (Glenis) Gerber, Fort Wayne; a niece, Cheryl Eicher, Geneva, who was reared by Mr. McBarnes; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Downing Funeral Home, Geneva, Rev. Timothy Dilley officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Geneva. Visiting hours are 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today and 8-10 a.m. Tuesday. Preferred memorials are to the church.