

**Decatur Daily Democrat, Adams County, Indiana; Friday, Aug. 29, 1986**

Otto Berning, 82, route 1, Hoagland, a retired Madison Township farmer and a resident of Allen County most of his life, died at 12:55 p.m. Thursday in Decatur Community Care Center, where he had resided for more than six years.

He was a lifelong member of St. Peter Lutheran Church. Born in Adams County on Aug. 6, 1904, he was the son of John and Sophia Wietfeldt-Berning, and was married Aug. 22, 1934 to Hildegard Wietfeldt; she survives. They were married 52 years.

Also surviving are one son, Water, route 1, Hoagland; three sisters, Rose Hockemeyer, Mathilda Weick and Adela Parrish, all of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. One daughter, Marilyn, died in 1978 and one brother, Leo, also preceded him in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at Zwick-Boltz & Jahn Funeral Home, Rev. Wesley E. Reimnitz officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2-9 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. until time of the services Sunday. Memorials are to the church or Worship for shut-ins.