Rufus Kirchhofer, 88, of Berne died yesterday at Swiss Village, Berne.

The Adams County native retired in 1972 after 31 1/2 years at the Central Soya Co. maintenance department.

He was the widower of Viola Fox, who died in 1970.

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Surviving are daughters, Jean Koons and Naomi Becker, both of Decatur; a brother, Wilbur of Berne; a

sister, Florence Lehman of Berne; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Zion Lutheran Church of Christ, Berne. Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow at Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are gifts to the church or Swiss Village.