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**Fred Kirsch**

**Berne - 1921-2002**

Fred Kirsch, 81, of Berne, a retired pharmacist, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, at Swiss Village. The Decatur native was owner of Kirsch Drug Store and retired in 1986 from Hooks Drugs. He was a member of Cross United Church of Christ and Berne Rotary Club. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. Surviving are his wife, Mary Jane; sons Robert E. of Ligonier and James W. of Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter, Carol Kirsch of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren. A sister preceded him in death. Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Cross United Church of Christ, Berne, with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne. Graveside services are 1 p.m. Thursday at Decatur Cemetery. Memorials are to the church Assistance Fund or donor's choice.

Information provided by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, 1-260-589-3101.