

Raymond J. Lengerich

(March 12, 1925 - March 22, 2009)

 Raymond J. Lengerich, 84, of Berne, Indiana passed away on March 22, 2009 at the Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Indiana after a brief bout with cancer.



Ray was born the eleventh of fourteen children to August and Ellen (Rumschlag) Lengerich on their family farm just south of Decatur, Indiana on March 12, 1925. He spent his early years working on the farm. Ray enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served several years in the Pacific Theater aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Nassau during the height of WW II. After his honorable discharge, he returned to employment in the area, and in January of 1952, he married Alice M. Huser of Berne, Indiana who survives. Ray's professional career spanned nearly forty years working as an optician for Longe Optical and Soderberg Optical in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ray and Alice's marriage was blessed with three sons. Tim (Katie) living in Colmar, France; Gary, (Jody) residing in Berne, Indiana; and Stan, (Vicki) living in Avon, Indiana. Ray was also the proud grandfather of six granddaughters and one grandson. He is survived by his twin brother, Robert of Fort Wayne, and sisters, Amelia Loshe, Germaine Straub, Delores Mankey, and Mary Ann Dale, all of the Decatur, Indiana area. He was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

Ray began his long and active retirement in 1988 and continued to enjoy his love of sports and supporting his favorite teams. Another cherished activity was attending his grandchildren's sporting and extracurricular activities. As an active member of Springhill Missionary Church, he served many years as song leader, Sunday School Superintendent, and was a regular soloist for more than fifty years.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2009 in the Springhill Missionary Church with the Rev. Gene Wilson and the Rev. Bill Hull officiating. Interment will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery of rural Berne, Indiana. Military Graveside services will be conducted the Berne American Legion Post #468.

Family and friends will be received from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2009 in the Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne, Indiana and one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. Preferred memorials are to the Springhill Missionary Church or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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