

**WILBUR L. WANNER**

Rev. Wilbur L. Wanner, 63, died Wednesday in Caylor-Nickel Medical Center, Bluffton.

He was born in Hartford Township on May 15\*, 1930 to Ezra and Elta Winteregg Wanner.

He became an ordained minister in 1956 after graduating from Fort Wayne Bible College and was pastor of churches in Tennessee before becoming a missionary in the African nation of Sierra Leone from 1957-66. He was a member of West Missionary Church, near Berne.

Surviving are two sons, Leon Wanner, Ossian and John Wanner, Berne; three daughters, Mrs. Kent (Jeanne) Frank, Berne; Sandra Wanner, Kalamazoo, Michigan; and Mrs. Douglas (Mary) Gentry, South Bend; one brother, Kenneth Wanner, rural Geneva; three sisters, Mildred Wanner, Edgewater, Florida; Mrs. Norman (Vera) Kistler, Lima, Ohio; and Pauline Wanner, Berne; and nine grandchildren. A daughter, Rebecca Wanner, and a brother, Clarence Wanner, are deceased.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in West Missionary Church, Rev. Max Wanner, a nephew of Rev. Wanner, officiating. Burial will be in MRE Cemetery, Berne. There will be no visitation. Preferred memorials are to the Hospice of Indiana. Funeral arrangements are by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne.

\*tombstone says 5/16/1930

**Contributed by Karin King**

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**REV. WILBUR L. WANNER**, 63, of Chalet Village, Berne, died Wednesday in Caylor-Nickel Medical Center.

The Adams County native was a pastor at churches in Humboldt and Memphis, Tenn., before he became a missionary to Sierra Leone in Africa from 1957-1966. Surviving are daughters, Jeanne Frank of Berne, Mary Gentry of South Bend and Sandra Wanner of Kalamazoo, Mich.; sons, Leon of Ossian and John of Berne; sisters, Mildred Wanner of Edgewater, Fla., Vera Kistler of Lima, Ohio, and Pauline Wanner of Berne; a brother, Kenneth of Geneva; and nine grandchildren. Memorial services are 2 p.m. Sunday in West Missionary Church. Burial is in MRE Cemetery. Arrangements are by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne.