

# Rhea H. Christner

## 1908 – 1999

Rhea H. Christner, age 91 of Pigeon, passed away Sunday, November 7 at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw.

She was born in Pigeon on August 17, 1908, the daughter of the late Albert and Laura Ann (Henne) Haist. She was united in marriage to John C. Christner in Pigeon on December 31, 1929. He survives her.

Mrs. Christner was a homemaker throughout her lifetime and was a gifted and avid quilter and crafter. During her working career, she was a telephone operator, and worked at Scenic Convalescent Home. She was a member of the Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary, the Extension, and the Farm Bureau.

She was also a lifelong member of Salem United Methodist Church in Pigeon.

She is survived by her husband for nearly 70 years, John C. "Jack" Christner of Pigeon; a daughter, Ellamae (Howard) Bedford of Pigeon; two sons, Dale A. (Joyce) Christner of Pigeon and Glen A. (Nancy) Christner of Gageton; eight grandchildren: Jeffery Diachenko, Melony (Marc) Cross, Teresa Stiles, Christine (Michael) Bean, Kent (Karen) Christner, Norman (Melissa) Christner, Karrie (Gregory) Foy, and Debby (Michael) Johnson; 11 great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and a brother, Howard Haist of Pontiac. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 10 at the Salem United Methodist Church, with Rev. Calvin Long, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Winsor Township.

Memorials may be made to Salem United Methodist Church, Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care Unit, or Bay Shore Camp.