

Beachy, Dorothy

Dorothy J. Beachy, age 74, of Pigeon, passed away on Friday evening, March 12, 2004, at her home after a short bout with cancer. She was born January 28, 1930 in the Cass City area at the home of her parents, the late Ray and Laura (Wooley) Kilbourn. On November 28, 1953, she was united in marriage to Vernon Beachy in Detroit. They lived in Detroit for a short time, moving to Gagetown in 1954, then to Bay Port and later to Pigeon, where they made their home for most of their lives. Dorothy worked as a secretary many years for Kraft, Inc. in Pigeon and then several years for Active Feed Company, retiring in 2003. She was a member of the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church in Pigeon where she had been a member of the Friendship Circle, served on various committees and was church treasurer in past years. Dorothy was an avid golfer and especially enjoyed her family and spoiling her grandchildren. Surviving are her husband, Vernon; five children, Benny Beachy and his wife, Laura, of Bay Port, Lenny Beachy and his wife, Linda, of Hendersonville, Tennessee, Kenny Beachy, of Caro, Jill Champagne and her husband, John, of Elkton, and Brad Beachy and his wife, Denise, of Sebawaing; 12 grandchildren, Benny, Alex, Braden, Jonathan, Jack, Christopher, Mitch, Allison, Andy, Kendra, Jacob and Savannah; a great granddaughter, Ashlynn; four brothers: Fred, Harold, Joe and Pete Kilbourn; two sisters, Geraldine Blank and Irene Probe; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Jennifer, and a sister, Margaret. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 15, 2004, at the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, Pigeon. Rev. Scott Wilson, pastor, will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton, and from 10 a.m. until the time service on Monday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church Building Fund, the Gideons International, or Heartland Hospice. Guests may sign the register book at www.CFCelkton.com.