

## **Gladys L. Spence**

Gladys Lillian (Nebel) Spence, age 92 of Pigeon, passed away early morning Saturday, December 23 at St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas City.

She was born in Pigeon on January 7, 1914, daughter of the late Fredrick and Salomi (Tschumi) Nebel and graduated from Pigeon High School in 1933. On March 30, 1938 she was united in marriage to Dr. Robert Carlyle Spence in Toledo, to whom she was married for over 58 years. Dr. Spence preceded her in death on January 23, 1996.

Mrs. Spence was a homemaker throughout her lifetime and supported her husband who was an optometrist and co-proprietor of the Pigeon Telephone Company, which his family had owned since 1921, until his retirement in 1972. She was a member of the Pigeon First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women, as well as an honorary and lifetime member of the Pigeon Worthwhile Club, a member of the Scheurer Hospital Humanitarian Club, and a former member of the Scenic Golf and Country Club. She enjoyed painting pictures.

Surviving her are two children, a daughter, Deann (Duane) Spence Walters and son, Robert J. Spence, both of Tawas City; five grandchildren, Tracy (Paul) Stevelink, James Walters, Lisa (John) Schmidt, Amy (Kim) Amesbury, and Tricia (Patrick) Woods; seven great grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Stanley, Loren, Leonard and Ralph Nebel. Funeral Services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 28 from the Pigeon First United Methodist Church, with Rev. John Britt, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Pigeon. Memorial contributions may be made to Pigeon First United Methodist Church, Scheurer Hospital or the Pigeon District Library.