

**Gunden, Ruth A.**

Ruth A. Gunden, 79, of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday morning, March 9, 2004, at her home. She was born on July 18, 1924 in Pigeon, daughter of the late David and Lydia (Shetler) Albrecht and graduated from the Weiss School. She was united in marriage to Marlin D. Gunden in April 1945 in Pigeon. He preceded her in death on April 18, 1988. Mrs. Gunden was a homemaker throughout her lifetime, and was a sales representative for Tupperware for many years. She was a member of the Pigeon River Mennonite Church and enjoyed sewing with the Pigeon River sewing circle. She is survived by five children, Richard Gunden and his wife, Nancy, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Ronald Gunden and his wife, Linda, of Chicago, Illinois, Jay Gunden and his wife, Peggy, of Farwell, Clayton Gunden and his wife, Emma, of Hesston, Kansas, Lamar Gunden and his wife, Cathy, of Clare; 11 grandchildren; 4 sisters, Gertrude Dietzel, of Florida, Vera Lyles, of California, Mildred Rheinheimer and Greta Albrecht, both of Pigeon; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one sister, Leona Albrecht; and one brother, Clayton Albrecht. The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2004, at the Pigeon River Mennonite Church. The Rev. Tom Beachy, pastor, and the Rev. Luke Yoder will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 11 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday at Pigeon River Mennonite Church, 7120 Geiger Road, 2 miles south of Pigeon. Memorials may be made to United Hospice of Marlette or Pigeon River Mennonite Church. Arrangements are being handled by the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon.