

# DOROTHEA M. DIENER 1918 - 1993

Dorothea Maria Diener, 74 of Pigeon, passed away Thursday, May 13 at her home following a long illness.

Dorothea M. Strieler was born in Bay City on June 15, 1918, daughter of the late Emil and Baldina (Schuitze) Strieler. On Feb. 2, 1936, she was united in marriage to John H. Diener in Wadsworth, OH. He survives her.

Mrs. Diener was a faithful member of Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon and was a member of the Cross Lutheran Women of the Church. She cooked and cleaned at Cross Lutheran School for 23 years, and for many years, wrote a weekly newspaper column for The Progress-Advance in Pigeon. She was also a member of the Townliners Extension Club.

Mrs. Diener is survived by her husband, John H., of Pigeon; two sons, Rev. Ronald (Marilyn) Diener of Lafayette, OH and Dennis (Carol) Diener of Pigeon; a daughter, Deann (John) Lewis of Saginaw; five grandchildren, Dennis Diener, Jr., Mark Diener, Lori Rathje, Ann Bella and Jodi Lewis; three great-grandchildren, Janilee Rathje, Joshua Rathje and Joseph Bella; one sister, Arlene (Arthur) Nimitz of Sebewauing; a half-brother, Francis Schnitker of Sebewauing and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a half-brother, Curtis Schnitker.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, May 16 at 1:30 p.m. at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon. Rev. Raymond E. Orth, pastor, officiated with burial in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cross Lutheran Church, Meals on Wheels or the Visiting Nurse Association.

The Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

