

Schmidt, Verla E.

Verla E. Schmidt, 92, of Pigeon, passed away at the Genesys Hospice Care Center in Goodrich. Born in Gagetown on May 15, 1913, she was the daughter of the late John Paul and Helen (Schutt) Wachner. Verla was united in marriage to Peter B. Schmidt on June 15, 1940 in Detroit. They retired to Caseville in 1972. Peter preceded her in death on December 21, 2005. Verla loved her husband of 65 years, her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved and excelled in crocheting and knitting and created many precious keepsakes for her family. Some of her crocheted works will be on display at the Bad Axe Historical Museum and at the Octagon Barn as a testimonial to her skills. Surviving are a daughter, Kathy Kuzma and her husband, Robert, of Holly; a son, Kurt Schmidt and his wife, Karen, of Traverse City; four grandchildren, Keith Schmidt, Kristin (John) Anderson, Todd Kuzma, and Jill (Chris) Lake; great grandchildren, Isabel, Gloria and Alexandria; one sister, Lorraine Beatty, of Florida. She was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence Wachner, and three sisters, Eileen Schmidt, Milda Clara, and Selma Purnell. Cremation has taken place at the Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City and burial will take place at St. Francis Cemetery, Pigeon, at a later time. Memorials may be given to the Botanical Gardens in Traverse City or the Capuchins. Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, is handling the arrangements.