

Tolles, Evelyn C.

Evelyn Curfman Tolles, 87, of Pigeon (Caseville Township) and formerly of Birmingham, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2009 at Covenant Medical Center Harrison in Saginaw.

Born in Lone, Oregon on June 21, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Ezra Randolph and Grace Pierpont (Blue) Curfman. She received her B.B.A. degree in 1942 from the University of Southern California, where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

On Nov. 28, 1945, she was united in marriage to Robert Stevenson Tolles in Coconut Grove, Fla. He survives her.

During World War II, Evelyn worked as a Pan American Airways flight stewardess. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Bloomfield Village Club and the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. She and her husband, Robert, moved to Sand Point in 1986. Evelyn was a homemaker throughout her lifetime.

In addition to her husband, Robert, to whom she was married more than 63 years, Evelyn is survived by two children, Thomas Randolph (Barbara Lynn) Tolles of Pigeon and Sally Stevenson (Robert Bruce) Springstead of Brighton; a daughter-in-law, Joan Messenger Tolles of Dayton, Ohio; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Anita Willadee Ullman of Issaquah, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Stevenson Tolles, Jr.; a sister, Virginia Lee McEwen; and two brothers-in-law, Walter Thomas McEwen and Albert Conrad Ullman.

Funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, with the Rev. Scot Wilson, pastor of Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, officiating. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from noon until the service time at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Gideons or the charity of the donor's choice.