

Martha Licht 1917-2007

E. Martha Licht, age 89 of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, March 13 at Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care in Pigeon after a long illness.

She was born in McKinley Township on September 9, 1917, daughter of the late August and Marie Dorothea (Sasse) Rathke. On April 25, 1942 she was united in marriage to Edwin Licht at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon. He survives her.

Mrs. Licht was a homemaker throughout her lifetime, but prior to her marriage, she worked at the telephone company. She loved playing the piano, and in her earlier years, sang in the choir. She enjoyed assembling photo albums and memory books. She was a faithful member of Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon, and was active with the women of the church as well as Bible study.

In addition to her husband Edwin, to whom she had been married more than 64 years, she is survived by four daughters, Betty (Eugene) Champagne of Elkton, Margaret (Tony) Alfaro of Eaton Rapids, Jeanette Flores of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Carol (James) Widney of Glendale, Arizona; one son, James (Susan) Licht of Pigeon; nine grandchildren: Regina (the late Dugan) Engler, Manuel (Angel) Alfaro, Anna (Mike) Riggo, Mary Alfaro, Nathaniel Flores, Daniel Widney, James Widney, Jeremy Licht, and Katie Licht; one great-granddaughter, Leah Alfaro; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by twin children, Donald and Marilyn; three sisters, Lydia Fredrick, Emma Stecker, and Frieda Neurath; and a brother, Herman Rathke.

The Funeral Service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 17 at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon, with Rev. Tom Zollman officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials for Mrs. Licht may be made to the Cross Lutheran School or Cross Lutheran Church.