

# **ORPHA MAE SCHURMAN**

**1887 - 1988**

Orpha Mae Schurman, a resident of Lamont, Mich., passed away Monday, Aug. 29 at the Michigan Medical Care Facility in Allendale. She had celebrated her 101st birthday on July 8.

She was the wife of Rev. John Schurman, who pastored the Owendale Evangelical Church (now United Methodist) from 1911 to 1916. They retired from the ministry and lived in Gilford for 12 years, during which time Rev. Schurman filled many church pulpits for vacationing or ill ministers. They were well known in the Thumb Area.

Mrs. Schurman is survived by four daughters, Beulah McMahon and Erma Dana, both of Lamont, Goldie Bristol of Pigeon, Ruth Letson of Prudenville, and one son, Jay Schurman of Lakeland, Fla., and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned in the Gilford United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24. She will be buried beside her husband in the Gilford Cemetery.