

Luanna Bechler

1902 - 1996

Luanna Bechler, age 93 of Pigeon, passed away Wednesday, July 31 at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe.

She was born in Pigeon on August 30, 1902, the daughter of the late Moses and Mary (Ropp) Weidman. On January 12, 1921 she was united in marriage to William Bechler in Pigeon. He preceded her in death on September 20, 1970.

Mrs. Bechler, along with her husband, owned and operated the Pigeon Dairy and Pigeon Dairy Bar from 1925-1945. She was also a cook at Scheurer Hospital and the Scenic Convalescent Home both in Pigeon. She worked at Doepker Hardware, and for more than 20 years, sold Fuller products.

Mrs. Bechler was an active lifelong member of the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church in Pigeon, where she taught Sunday School, Bible School, and quilting.

Her survivors include a daughter, Pearl Menzel, Mayville; three sons, Robert (Mildred) Bechler, Pigeon, Roland (Phyllis) Bechler, Bad Axe, and Clare (Donna) Bechler, Pigeon; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ellen Swartzendruber and Sabina Shetler, and four brothers, Alfred Weidman, Wes Weidman, Roy Weidman, and Edwin Weidman.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 3 from the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, Pigeon. Rev. Jay Müller, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church Building Fund.