

# Esther Lydia Ann Yutzi

## 1912 – 1998

Esther Lydia Ann Yutzi, age 85 of San Diego, California (formerly of Pigeon), passed away Thursday, July 2 at her home following a long illness.

She was born in Winsor Township on November 20, 1912, the daughter of the late Jacob B. and Leah (Jantzi) Jutzi.

Ms. Yutzi graduated from Pigeon High School while working as one of the first telephone operators for the Spence Brothers Telephone Company. She attended and graduated from Detroit Business College, and worked for the law firm of Dickinson, Wright for several years. In 1950, Ms. Yutzi went to Tokyo, Japan and worked for three years as a federal government court reporter employee and was in Korea when the Peace Treaty was signed. In 1954, she went as a federal Civil Service court reporter to Heidelberg, Germany, where she spent 38 years. Ms. Yutzi was a world traveler who enjoyed visiting with family, friends, and retired fellow workers.

Surviving her are a nephew, Gerald N. Yutzi and his wife, Eleanor of San Clemente, California; a step-niece, Doris J. Davis and her husband, Roy, Jr. of Bad Axe; three step-nephews, Donald C. Kropp and his wife, Barbara of Saginaw, Harold R. Kropp and his wife, Dianna and Willard R. Kropp and his wife, Mary, all of Pigeon; 13 step great-nieces and nephews; many cousins; and a special friend, Judy Speaks of California. She was preceded in death by her brother, Joseph Yutzi in 1965; sister-in-law, Mildred (Knoll) Yutzi in 1994; step-father, Solomon Kropp, Sr. in 1954; step-brother, Solomon Kropp, Jr. in 1982; and step-sister, Hattie P. Kropp in 1994.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8 from the Pigeon River Mennonite Church, with Rev. Tom Beachy, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Pigeon River Mennonite Church building fund or Bay Shore Camp.