

### **Olivia Jean Steckley 1920 -2004**

Olivia Jean Steckley, age 84 of Pigeon, passed away Saturday evening, November 27, 2004 at Tendercare of Cass City.

She was born in Kalona, Iowa on November 7, 1920, daughter of the late William Robert and Magdalene (Miller) White, and was united in marriage to Edwin Lee Steckley on April 23, 1944 at West Union Church in Parnell, Iowa.

Mrs. Steckley was a homemaker throughout her lifetime, enjoying gardening, flowers, and scrapbooking. As a child, she collected Shirley Temple dolls and memorabilia. She enjoyed quilting with the Pigeon River Mennonite Sewing Circle. She loved to go grocery shopping, and especially loved children and grandchildren. She was a member of the Pigeon River Mennonite Church.

In addition to her husband, Edwin, she is survived by five children, Diane (Paul) Cleeves of Comins, Charlotte (Jerry) Masen of Shelby Township, Sheldon Steckley of Tifton, Georgia, William Steckley of Bradenton, Florida, and Sherl (Criseida) Steckley of Bradenton, Florida; seven grandchildren: Tanis Shelters, Brandon Cleeves, Travis Abbott, Megan Wagner, Courtney Johnson, Shone Steckley, and Leticia Steckley; three great-grandchildren, Joshua Shelters, Amber Shelters, and Jacob Shelters; two sisters, Wahneta (Oren) Detwiler and Wanda Marner, both of Kansas; two brothers, Glen (Amy) White, and Clayton (Leola) White, both of Iowa; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Walter White, and a sister, Edith White.

Memorial Services will be conducted on Saturday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m. at Pigeon River Mennonite Church, south of Pigeon, Rev. Tom Beachy, pastor, and Rev. Luke Yoder will officiate.

Memorials for Mrs. Steckley may be made to Pigeon River Mennonite Church, Heartland Hospice, or Alzheimer's Foundation.