

Orpha V. Wertz

1913 – 1998

Orpha V. Wertz, age 85 of Pigeon, passed away Monday, August 3 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

She was born June 12, 1913 in Grantsville, Maryland, daughter of the late Dennis and Mintie (Miller) Stevanus. On June 30, 1935 she was united in marriage to Joseph L. Wertz, who preceded her in death on March 12, 1984.

Mrs. Wertz was a devoted mother and homemaker as well as an active member of the Pigeon River Mennonite Church where she was a member of the Sewing Circle, Prayer Chain, and Historian. She enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels, quilting, and keeping a daily journal.

She is survived by two daughters, Nova Jean (Durward) Miller of Pigeon and Ramona Mahler of Elkhart, Indiana; three sons, Willard (Ruby) Wertz of Goshen, Indiana, R. Dale (Floris) Wertz of Bay Port, and Donald Wertz of Goshen, Indiana; eight grandchildren: Margie (Miller) Clement, Sheldon (Jean) Miller, Darlene (David) Hoffman, Scott Mahler, Jeff (Tracy) Wertz, Chris (Perry) Haimes, Bryan Wertz, and Kendall Wertz; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mildred Shaffer of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Preceding her in death were a brother, Ray E. Stevanus and a grandson, Rodney Wertz.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 6 from the Pigeon River Mennonite Church with Rev. Tom Beachy, pastor, and Rev. Luke Yoder officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pigeon River Mennonite Church, Meals on Wheels, Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ, or to the charity of the donor's choice.