## Garthe, Helen

Helen M. Garthe, 85, of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.   She was born in Pigeon on May 15, 1918, daughter of the late William and Elizabeth A. (Krohn) Schumacher. On September 1, 1940, she was united in marriage to Marvin Clarence Garthe at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Berne. He preceded her in death on July 7, 1999.   Mrs. Garthe was a homemaker throughout her lifetime and was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Berne.   Her survivors include two grandchildren, Trisha Baareman and her husband, Paul, of Alto, and Philip M. Garthe, Jr., of New York City, New York; two great-grandchildren, Blake and Olivia Baareman; a special niece and family, Elizabeth, Allan and Melissa Liska; and several other nieces and nephews.   She was preceded in death by a son, Philip M. Garthe, Sr.; two sisters, Pearl Goebel and Marguerite Luedtke; and two brothers, Arnold and Arthur Schumacher.   The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 26, 2004, at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon, with the Rev. James Gorsegner, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in McKinley Township.   Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to the time of service at 11 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home.