

Yackle, Mae

Mae Lillian Yackle, 88, left her earthly home on Saturday evening, April 26, 2003, in Pigeon. Mae was the daughter of Andrew and Clara (Mey) Maturen and was born on Oct. 12, 1914 in Saginaw. When Mae was four years old, her mother died unexpectedly and from that time on, Mae, along with her three brothers and one sister were raised by a good hearted woman known as "Aunt Matie". Mae attended Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw where she excelled at basketball. She played for the Ames Methodist Church and won the state championship her first year. After graduation, she accepted an offer to play basketball for the Kresge Company earning \$20 a week. During a visit to Pigeon, Mae met a young farmer by the name of Willis Yackle and was impressed by his gentle nature. They were united in marriage on March 25, 1939. They were blessed with four daughters. Together they enjoyed camping, traveling in their motor home, and spending time in Florida. Willis preceded her in death in 1991. Mae was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church, served on the Huron Medical Care Facility Board, organized the local Meals on Wheels program and was well noted for her outstanding leadership ability. Mae loved God and her family. She was an avid sports fan her entire life and still attended Laker basketball games at the age of 85. Mae is survived by three daughters, Charmaine Fahrner and her husband, Jon, of Cass City, Ruth Depner and her husband, John, of Caseville, and Kristine Parker, of Boulder, Colo.; six grandchildren, Tim Fahrner, Michelle Erla, Eric Depner, Dan Depner, Annette Renn and Angela Herford; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Elaine Weidman in 1988; her husband, Willis in 1991; three brothers, Clarence, Howard, and Andrew; and a sister, Helen Hughes. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2003, in the First United Methodist Church of Pigeon with the Rev. Gordon Nusz and the Rev. Margaret Passenger officiating. Burial will be in the Grand Lawn Cemetery in Pigeon. Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon and from 10 a.m. until the time of the services Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be given to United Methodist Missions, Laker Athletic Booster Club.