

Elizabeth V. Swartzentruber



Elizabeth Viola Swartzentruber, 90, passed away Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility near Bad Axe with family by her side.

She was born October 8, 1916 in Elkton, daughter of the late Jacob and Mary (Boshart) Christner. On October 8, 1939, she was united in marriage to Vernon Swartzentruber at the Pigeon River Mennonite Church in Pigeon. They lived in Ontario, Canada for nine years

before moving to the family farm in Sebewaing, where they lived for many years. After retiring, they moved to their home in Pigeon. Vernon preceded her in death on July 17, 2001.

Elizabeth was an active member of Pigeon River Mennonite Church since her baptism at the age of twelve. She also enjoyed attending Fairhaven Mennonite Church and Vassar Mennonite Church. She valued every moment spent with family and friends visiting and playing games. A homemaker and assistant on the family farm, a saleswoman, and a constant witness to her faith, Elizabeth was always lending her hand and heart to anyone in need. She helped both the elderly and the youth in whatever they may have needed, whether it be a ride to Church or Sunday school, a hot meal, or being there with an open mind and an open heart when someone lost their way. She was a true believer that faith would lead you home. Elizabeth was a strong and vibrant woman who will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Elizabeth is survived by two sons, Leon (Susan) Schwartzentruber and Harold (Connie) Swartzentruber, both of Uby; three daughters, Joyce (Fred) Marmion of New Boston, Elva Mast of Kalispell, Montana, and Melva (Tom) Barstow of Grosse Ile; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Marion Nafzinger and Dorothy (Maurice) Nafzinger both of Archbold, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Elmina Christner of Goshen, Indiana; and a brother-in-law, Glen King of Sarasota, Florida.

She was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Angel Bensinger; a great-grandson, Dylan Schwartzentruber; six brothers, Jesse, William, Alvin, Ervin, Louis and Emanuel Christner; four sisters, Alta Piehl, Margaret King, and Bertha and Martha Christner.

Funeral services will take place at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 15 at the Pigeon River Mennonite Church with Pastor Luke Yoder and Pastor Wayne Keim officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pigeon River Mennonite Church or Fairhaven Mennonite Church.