

MARTHA SWALWELL THAYER, 86 of Lakewood, passed away Sunday, June 13, 1999, at Sunny A. Nursing Home.

She was born April 2, 1913, in Akron, at the home of her late parents, August and Frances (Rothe) Rosenthal.

She and James Swalwell were married Nov. 19, 1932. They lived and farmed in Colfax Township until his death in December 1969. She later married John F. Thayer on July 6, 1979, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Elkton. He preceded her in death on May 1, 1998.

Mrs. Thayer was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and Ladies League and also the Elkton Senior Citizens. She loved fishing, playing cards, flowers, and especially her family.

Survivors include one daughter, Shelly (David) Smith; one son, Rodney Swalwell and his special friend, Gail, all of Bad Axe; two step-daughters, Judy (Larry) Macklem of Ann Arbor and Sharon (John) White of Deckerville; one step-son, Fred (Valerie) Thayer of Nashville, TN; five grandchildren, Todd (Linda) Smith, Janice (Kevin) Booms, Julie (Roy) Smith, Troy Swalwell and Jennifer Swalwell; six great-grandchildren, David, Christopher, Angela, Nicole, Stephanie and Chelsie; and six step-grandchildren, Greg, Yvonne, Mike, Jill, Steve and Cindy; four brothers, Joe (Florence) Rosenthal and Arthur Rosenthal, both of Warren, Walter (Mildred) Rosenthal of Pigeon, and Martin (Jane) Rosenthal of Bad Axe; three sisters, Sophie (Maurice) Van Hevel of Warren, Elsa Kerr and Caroline (Carl) Schuette, both of Elkton. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Swalwell, and one sister, Alvinia Rosenthal.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. today (Tuesday) at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkton. Rev. Elton Bickel, pastor, will officiate with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Arrangements were handled by the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton.

Memorials may be given to the Trinity Lutheran Church.