

Terwillegar, June E.

June E. Terwillegar, 83, of Freeland, passed away at her home surrounded by family on Thursday, May 10, 2007. She was born February 19, 1924 in Sandusky to the late George and Clara (Warren Sisco) Thomas. She was united in marriage to Otis Terwillegar on May 6, 1946, with her uncle Lewis Thomas officiating in Breckenridge. June and Otis lived on their family farm in Midland until Otis's retirement from farming. They lived in the Freeland-Midland area their entire lives together. June was an active member of the Midland Mennonite Church where she was in charge of the kitchen for many years. June was a homemaker on the family farm, a caregiver to all, and an excellent cook and baker. She was a lifetime member of the TOPS club and a member of the Bishop Home Extension Group. June was always lending her hand and heart to anyone in need, whether it was a kind word, something handsewn or a warm baked good. She enjoyed family reunions, and the many hours spent watching her husband and sons play ball, along with watching the Detroit Tigers and Pistons. June was a constant witness to her faith and a true believer that faith would lead you home. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. She is survived by her husband of over 61 years, Otis; three sons, Tom (Judy) Terwillegar, of Midland, Tim (Reneé) Terwillegar, of Harbor Beach, and Will Terwillegar, of Midland; two daughters, Fay (George) VanCise, of Freeland, and Connie (Harry) Swartzentruber, of Ubly; a special nephew, Carl (Sue) Thomas, of Freeland; a special niece, Marge (Leroy) Gnagey, of Pigeon; 13 grandchildren, Troy (Michelle), Kirt (Heidi), Shane, Ryan, Bill, and Joe Terwilligar, Lisa (Bill) Arnold, Eva and Marty Swartzentruber, Kay (Frank) Particka, Pat and Kathy VanCise, Becky (Brian) Stoll; and 17 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter and Ralph Thomas; nine sisters, Ida Sisco, Blanche Thomas, Edith Berger, Marion Gerstenberger, Florence Thomas, Esther Wyse, Velma Starr, Fern Thomas and Bessie Gerlica. A funeral service for Mrs. Terwillegar took place on Monday morning, May 14, 2007, at the Midland Mennonite Church with the Rev. Don Duford officiating. Interment followed in the Poseyville Cemetery. Smith-Miner Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Memorials may be made to Midland Mennonite Church.