

Verda L. Dast 1925-2007

Verda L. Dast, age 81 of Pigeon, passed away Monday, August 13 at Bay Shores Nursing Center in Bay City following a brief illness.

She was born in Pigeon on October 6, 1925, and was the daughter of the late Emanuel and Minnie (Elbing) Reist. She attended and graduated from St. John's Lutheran School, Berne, and then graduated in 1942 from Pigeon High School. On June 1, 1946 she was united in marriage to Wesley C. Dast at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne. The couple had been married nearly 60 years when he passed away on January 24, 2006.

Verda was a homemaker throughout her lifetime. For many years, she worked at the A&P stores in Pigeon. She was a member of the Townliners Extension Group. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and a charter member of the St. John's Women's Society.

Verda was a caregiver for many family members over the years, and enjoyed visiting with friends and family. She enjoyed crafts and playing cards, and was a member of the Card Club for more than 50 years.

She is survived by two daughters, JoAnn (Roc) Cordes of Portland Oregon and Jean (Dennis) Fritz of Pigeon; five grandchildren; Seth (Milissa) Cordes, Ami (Jason) Becker, Caleb (Melissa) Cordes, Tera (Keith) Havard, and Joel (Janna) Fritz; two great-grandsons, Parker Havard and Wesley Fritz; two sisters-in-law, Lois Dast and MariAnne Dast, both of Pigeon; many nieces and nephews; and the card club friends, Ruth Hamilton, Alvin and Gladys Rathje, Arthur "Bud" Luedtke, and Marian Dast. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence E. Reist.

The Funeral Service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 18 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, with Rev. James A. Gorseger, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, the MLS Foundation, or the American Cancer Society.