

# Anna D. Rathje

## 1891 - 1996

Anna D. Rathje, age 105 of Pigeon, passed away Thursday, November 14 at Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care Unit, Pigeon.

She was born in Pigeon on May 31, 1891, daughter of the late Henry and Elizabeth (Mennerick) Meyer. She and Otto J. Rathje were married July 2, 1913 in St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne. He preceded her in death on April 17, 1976.

Mrs. Rathje was a lifetime member of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, and was also a member of the Ladies Aid. She was a former member of the Farm Bureau.

Surviving are two daughters, Gertrude (Henry) Roestel of Pigeon, and Esther Weaver, San Francisco, California; three sons, Alvin (Gladys) Rathje of Pigeon, Arnold (Harriet) Rathje of Cleveland, Ohio, and Marlin (Marian) Rathje of Pigeon; 16 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and four step great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Lydia Meyer and a brother, Henry Meyer.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 18 from St. John's Lutheran Church in Berne. Rev. James Gorseger, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. John Lutheran Church Lift Project or to Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care Unit, Pigeon.