

Swartzendruber, Erma

Erma Swartzendruber, 92, of Bay Port, passed away Sunday, April 17, 2005, at the Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care Unit in Pigeon. She was born in the family home in Bay Port on February 13, 1913, daughter of the late Daniel and Lydia (Reist) Schwartzenruber and was married to Edwin Swartzendruber on May 1, 1934. He preceded her in death on November 22, 1994. Mrs. Swartzendruber was a homemaker throughout her lifetime, enjoying quilting, cross-stitching, and reading. She also was an avid fisherman and along with her husband, Edwin, spent summers on Drummond Island and winters in Yuma, Arizona. She was a member of the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church in Pigeon. She is survived by a son, Harold Swartzendruber and his wife, Louise, of Bay Port; a daughter, Jean Reich and her husband, Ray, of Midland; six grandchildren, Terry and Teresa Swartzendruber, Rod and Vicki Swartzendruber, Dan and Chris Swartzendruber, Dave and Adriana Swartzendruber, Amy and Michael Milacek, and Alan Reich; five great-grandchildren, Josh, Kerri, Rebecca, Curtis, and Jason; and several nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church in Pigeon with the Rev. Scot Wilson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon and from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be made to Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care, the Gideons or Meals on Wheels.