BENJAMIN J. BEACHY 1897 - 1998

Ben Beachy, age 101, of Pigeon, died Wednesday morning, May 13, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility.

He was born February 25, 1897 in Arthur, Illinois to the late Jonas and Fannie (Miller) Beachy.

Mr. Beachy moved to Pigeon in 1923 where he met Sadie Ropp. They were married at her parent's home on April 12, 1925. She preceded him in death May 2, 1970.

Ben bought a farm on the Pigeon River and farmed until retiring in 1965. In 1970, he moved to Sarasota, Fl where he lived until 1981, when he went to Harrisonburg, VA near two of his children living there. Ben lived alone in Virginia until August of 1994

when he came back to Pigeon for health reasons.

He was a member of the Pigeon River

Mennonite Church and former member of the Lindale

Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg.

Surviving are eight children, Margaret Pamer of Sarasota, FL, Vernon (Dorothy) Beachy of Pigeon, Eldon (Joanne) Beachy of Pigeon, Roy (Audrey) Beachy of Elkton, Doris (Clayton) Albrecht of Sarasota, FL,

Ruth (Earl) Delp of Goshen, IN, Judy (Ernie) Martin and Sharyl (Eldon) Kurtz of Harrisonburg, VA; 31 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; two great great granddaughters and his sister, Fannie Yoder of Kalona, Iowa.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Leona Huscher and two grandchildren, Brent Huscher and Jennifer Beachy.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM Saturday, May 16, at the Pigeon River Mennonite Church. Rev. Thomas Beachy, pastor will officiate with burial in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Pigeon River Mennonite Church or the Gideons. Arrangements by Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton.