

# MARY JANE MORSE

## 1916 - 1997

Mary Jane Morse, 80 of Ellicott City, MD. and formerly of Pigeon, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at Friendship Place Convalescent Center in Columbia, MD. after a long illness.

She was born at the family home just north of the Hayes Church near Pigeon on Dec. 1, 1916, daughter of the late Walter and Clara (Gwinn) Bedford. She and Oliver Morse were married July 22, 1939 in Detroit. He preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1972.

Mrs. Morse was a 1934 graduate of Pigeon High School and is remembered as a brilliant, refined and well respected student who enjoyed music.

She served as office manager at the Evangelical Home for Orphans and the Aged in Detroit for many years and was a member of the Catonsville United Methodist Church, Catonsville, MD.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Alfred and Sarah (Schaeffer) Morse, Ellicott City, MD.; three granddaughters, Elizabeth Jane Morse, Sarah Morse Flagg and Ellen Margaret Morse; a sister, Ruth Leinweber of Pigeon; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clark and Sandra Bedford, Pittsburgh, PA. and Howard and Ellamae Bedford, Pigeon.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Clarabell Temple.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Oct. 27 from Hayes United Methodist Church, Pigeon, Rev. Norman Beckwith, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Caseville Township Cemetery.

Mayersieck-Bussema Funeral Home of Pigeon handled the funeral arrangements.