

## Elna Mae Oesch



**Elna Mae Oesch**, age 80 of Pigeon, passed away Saturday, October 9, 2010 at Country Gardens in Pigeon.

Born in Pigeon on May 5, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Adolph and Molly (Stein) Schulze, and graduated in 1948 from Pigeon High School. On October 14, 1950 she was united in marriage to John H. Oesch at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church,

Pigeon. He preceded her in death on December 2, 2007.

Elna Mae worked with her husband at the Oesch Shoe Store in Pigeon, from 1961 until they sold it in 1979. She then worked at AAA Insurance with Kent Paul for more than ten years, retiring in 1995. She was a member of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Pigeon.

Elna Mae worked with 4H and many girls in the community. She volunteered at St. John's Lutheran School as a teacher's assistant, and tutored for many years. She was a wonderful cook and baker and made the best dressing ever. She especially enjoyed being with her family. She loved to read, work crossword puzzles, and gardening. She also enjoyed following collegiate and professional sports.

She is survived by six children: Timothy (Juanita) Oesch of Lapeer, Cindy (Mark) Dean of Cape Coral, Florida, Becky (Mark) Schmiedeknecht of Vacaville, California, Thomas Oesch of West Branch, Michael (Becky) Oesch of Arlington, Washington, and Patricia (Andy) Cole of St. Louis; nine grandchildren: Philip Dean, Michael Dean, Alex Schmiedeknecht, Becky Steck, Matt Oesch, Benjamin Oesch, Jacob Oesch, Cara Cole, and Tricia Cole; two great-grandchildren, Rose Steck and Jacob Dean; four sisters and a brother: Delores (Raymond) Dinkel and Eileen Behr, both of Midland, Florence Beck of Olivet, Diane Schulze of Taylor, and Hilbert (Gloria) Schulze of Hillman; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a baby daughter, Donna; a sister, Marilyn Doyle; and two brothers, Marvin and Duane Schulze. The Funeral Service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 15, 2010 at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Pigeon, with Rev. James A. Gorsegner, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church.

VISITATION AT MEYERSIECK-BUSSEMA FUNERAL HOME, PIGEON:

Wednesday, October 13 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 14 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

AND AT ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, PIGEON:

Friday, October 15 10:00 a.m. until service time