

## **Bechler, Elmeda**

Elmeda Bechler, 97, of Pigeon passed away Sunday, March 19, 2000, at her daughter's home on Rose Island. She was born in Baden, Ontario on Oct. 11, 1902, the daughter of the late Peter and Elizabeth (Swartzentruber) Litwiller. On Jan. 1, 1929, she was united in marriage to Henry Bechler in Petersburg, Ontario. At the time of Mr. Bechler's death on Oct. 7, 1994, the couple had been married for more than 65 years. Mrs. Bechler was a homemaker throughout her lifetime and was a member of the Pigeon River Mennonite Church. She is survived by her daughter, Ruth Dutcher and her husband, Roland, of Sebawaing; a daughter-in-law, Beverly Bechler of Midland; four grandchildren, Judy Kretzschmer, Dennis Bechler, Bryan Bechler and Deanne Dutcher; six great-grandchildren, Jennifer Michalski, Jeremy and Jill Kretzschmer, and Shelby, Megan and Abigail Bechler; a great-great-granddaughter, Ashlen Michalski; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a son, Glenn; a daughter, Ellen; and three brothers, Noah, Elmer and William. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2000, at the Pigeon River Mennonite Church, with Pastors Luke Yoder, Wayne Keim, Ken Dietzel and Scott Kingsley officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. today at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, and from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorials may be made to Fairhaven Mennonite Church or Huron Memorial Hospice.