

Swartzendruber, Jewel M.

Jewel M. Swartzendruber, 79, of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care in Pigeon. She was born in Sebewaing on August 7, 1926, the daughter of the late Perry and Elizabeth (Avery) Dutcher. She graduated from Bay Port High School. On November 22, 1946, she was united in marriage to Paul George Swartzendruber at the Pigeon River Mennonite Church. He survives her. Mrs. Swartzendruber enjoyed needlework and problem solving, especially crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She also enjoyed reading and gardening, particularly flower gardening. Her family and grandchildren, however, were her favorite pastime. She was a faithful member of Pigeon River Mennonite Church. In addition to her husband, George, to whom she had been married for more than 59 years, she is survived by four children, Judy (Larry) Stutzman, of Flushing, Ralph (Debra) Swartzendruber, of Bay Port, Paul (Lori) Swartzendruber, of Pigeon, and Anita Gehringer, of Flushing; eight grandchildren, Amy, Jason (Megan), Kelly, Linsey, Jessica, Angela, Jill, and Kyle; a sister, Zola (Arthur) Roeber, of Pigeon; two brothers, Frank (Gertrude) Dutcher, of Hartville, Ohio, and Ronald (Rhea) Dutcher, of Bay Port; many nieces and nephews; and in-laws, Ray (Goldie) Swartzendruber, of Pigeon, and Helen Swartzendruber, of Fairview. She was preceded in death by a sister, Lawanda Gnagey. A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 14, 2006, at the Pigeon River Mennonite Church, with the Rev. Tom Beachy, pastor, and the Rev. Luke Yoder officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation from 2 to 9 p.m. on Thursday at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, and from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service on Friday at the church. Memorials for Mrs. Swartzendruber may be directed to Pigeon River Mennonite Church or the Multiple Sclerosis Society.