

Elftman, Meta M.

Meta Marie Elftman, 92, of Elkton, died Sunday, September 10, 2006. She was born in Oliver Township on September 17, 1913, daughter of the late William and Dora (Roeber) Licht. On December 28, 1938, she was united in marriage to Edward Elftman who preceded her in death on March 23, 2002 after more than 63 years of marriage. Meta was a homemaker and farmed for many years with her husband in Chandler Township. She enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening, canning, and quilting. Meta never met a child she didn't love, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a lifelong member of Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon. Meta is survived by her adopted daughter, Cheri (Jake) Diebel, of Elkton; grandchildren, Jeff (Nicki) Diebel, of Elkton, and their children, Tenishia, Jeffrey, and Joel; Jennifer (Jason) Nicol, of Ubly; and Jason (Audrey) Diebel, of Unionville. She is also survived by her stepdaughter, Maxine (Paul) Walsh, of Pigeon; grandchildren, Mike (Patsy) Walsh, Beth (Tim) Kraft, Vicki (John Huff) Lomba, Pat (Pam) Walsh, and Brian (Kelli) Walsh; great grandchildren, Jami, Scott, Jayne, Kim, Joe, Jessica, Jacky, Ben, Carolyn, Nick, Daniel, and Emalee; one sister, Leona (Nelson) Beck, of Saginaw; one brother, Al (June) Licht, of Bad Axe; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Meta was preceded in death in 1934 by her first husband, Oscar Niedrich, of Unionville; her sisters, Hilda Nieschulz, Louise Ziegler, Delores Bendrey, Lydia Licht; and brothers, Ervin, Adolph "Barney" and Werner Licht. A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon with the Rev. Tom Zollman, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the church. Memorials may be made to Cross Lutheran Church, Meals on Wheels (Huron County Commission on Aging), or Heartland Hospice. Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon is handling the arrangements.