

**Shetler, Katie L.**

Katie Leah Shetler, 96, of Pigeon, passed away Sunday, February 20, 2005, at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. She was born in Linkville on December 4, 1908 to John and Rachel Leah (Oesch) Kipfer. On October 8, 1930, she was united in marriage to Omar J. Shetler in Pigeon. He preceded her in death on September 12, 1985. Mrs. Shetler was a member of the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church in Pigeon and the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Women's Friendship Circle. She enjoyed baking and making quilts and wall-hangings as well as crafting items for the church bazaar. She and her husband enjoyed hosting many visitors in their home, and she had the special gift of hospitality. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much. Her survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Lois J. and Dr. R. Michael Massanari, of Bingham Farms; a son and daughter-in-law, Lyle D. and Betty Shetler, of Pigeon; five grandchildren, Kent Shetler and his wife, Karin, Karla Nussbaum and her husband, Marlin, Debra Helmuth and her husband, Robin, Eric Massanari and Yolanda Kauffman, and Analisa Ficklin and her husband, Michael; nine great-grandchildren, Andrea, Eric, Allison, Nicholas, Kate, Kacy, Koty, Noah, and Soren; brother, Clarence Kipfer, of Bay Port; and sister, Iva McAlpine of Elkton. She was preceded in death by a son, Warren Lee, in 1958; a grandson, Ronald, in 1972; and two sisters, Laura Maust, and Flossie Steckley. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2005, at Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, Pigeon, with the Rev. Scot Wilson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today and from 3 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, Pigeon. Memorials for Mrs. Shetler may be made to Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church or the Gideons.