

Jewel M. Swartzendruber



Jewel M. Swartzendruber, age 79 of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, July 11 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 and 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.

The Funeral Service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 14 at the Pigeon River Mennonite Church, with Rev. Tom Beachy, pastor, and Rev. Luke Yoder officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials for Mrs. Swartzendruber may be directed to Pigeon River Mennonite Church or the Multiple Sclerosis Society.