

## **Clara E. Faupel Wightman**

Clara E. Faupel Wightman, age 88 of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, July 18 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon following a short illness.

She was born at Gotts Corner on October 30, 1917, the daughter of Russell and Nellie (McIlmurry) Gotts. She attended the Rock City Country School near Gotts Corner and graduated in 1935 from Elkton High School. She was married at Gotts Corner on February 1, 1942 to David H. Faupel, who preceded her in death on November 30, 1967 after 25 happy years of marriage. On July 27, 1985 she married Newell S. Wightman in Elkton and they had nearly 20 wonderful years together until his death on May 7, 2005.

Clara worked for many years at Huron Abstract in Bad Axe, and later worked for two years at the Asbury Theological Seminary library. She worked on the farm with her husband, and was a homemaker throughout her lifetime. She enjoyed playing board games, working crossword puzzles, and also loved to read. She dearly loved her family and her grandchildren.

She was a faithful member of the Elkton Missionary Church, and a devoted Christian. Her faith in Christ and her love for her family characterized her life and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Her survivors include three sons, David William (Bonnie) Faupel of Naples, Florida, Charles (Martha) Faupel of Auburn, Alabama, and Donald (Barbara) Faupel of Bad Axe; a stepdaughter, Ann (Carl) Everett of Clarkston; five grandchildren: Jennifer (Chad) Ewing of Charlotte, North Carolina, Alison (Joey) Faupel of Decatur, Georgia, Christina (Dan) Faupel of Mexico City, Mexico, and David Faupel and Kevin Faupel, both of Bad Axe; three step grandchildren, Michel (Kimberly) Elliot of Lexington, Kentucky, Chris (Kari) Everett of Oxford, and Julie (Steve) Nimer of Walled Lake; a great-grandson, Tristan Ewing; five step great-grandchildren: Keegan, Cassidy and Caleb Everett, and Annie and Devon Nimer; her brother, William (Donna) Gotts of Caseville; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four granddaughters, Ann, Beth, Cindy and Nellie Faupel, and a step grandson, Jimmy Elliot.

The Funeral Service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 22 at the Elkton Missionary Church Outreach Center, with Rev. Reggie Courliss, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Those donating memorials are asked to consider the Elkton Missionary Church parking lot or the charity of their choosing.