

## **Bixler, Verda**

Verda V. Bixler, 81, longtime Elkton educator, died Sunday morning, May 28, 2000, at her home in Pigeon. She was born Oct. 8, 1922, in Gladwin to the late Glenn and Eleanora (Hewitt) Armstrong and moved to the Elkton area when she was 2. She graduated from Elkton High School in 1940 and continued her education at Central Michigan University, receiving her bachelor's degree in education and later a master's degree in special education. She taught at country schools for a while and then at Elkton and the Laker district for a total of 32 years, retiring in 1980. Mrs. Bixler was a member of the Elkton Missionary Church, Women's Ministries and taught Sunday school for many years. She also was a member of the Huron County Retired Teachers Association and the Elkton Women's Civic Club. Surviving are her husband, Blanchard; daughters Carol Tuckschmidt and her husband, Ron, of Steamboat Springs, Colo., Jeanne Swartzendruber and her husband, Leland, of Bay Port, and Joyce VanBruaene and her husband, Jim, of Wakarusa, Ind.; five grandchildren, Eric, Julee and Rachel Swartzendruber and Jason and Jill VanBruaene; her brother, James Armstrong and his wife, Inez, of Freeland; two sisters, Aleta Harvey and Joyce Hice, both of Pontiac; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Bruce, in 1969; and her brother, Harold Armstrong. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, 2000, at the Elkton Missionary Church. The Rev. Larry Salsburey, pastor, will officiate with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Elkton. Visitation will be 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton, and after 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Elkton Missionary Church Outreach Center or the American Diabetes Association.