

## **Gehrs, Martin**

Martin C. Gehrs, 83, of Frankenmuth died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002, at Covenant Medical Center-Cooper. He was born on Sept. 18, 1919, in Elk Grove Village, Ill. He married Mildred A. Schalk on July 1, 1944, in Detroit. She survives him. Martin taught school at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Chicago then moved to Frankenmuth in 1949 and served 33 years at St. Lorenz Lutheran School. He was a member of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. He served as secretary of Branch 204 of Aid Associations for Lutherans for 30 years and was past treasurer of the Michigan Federation of AAL Branches. He served for many years as an officer of the Frankenmuth High School Alumni Association and as a member of the City of Frankenmuth Recreation Committee. He was a member of the St. Lorenz Male Choir and the Lutheran Retired Teachers Association. He was employed as a tour guide at Heilmann Brewery Co. for many years. Surviving besides his wife, Mildred A., are his children, David Gehrs and his wife, Kathy, of Frankenmuth, Michael Gehrs and his wife, Karen, of Pigeon, Barb Jewell and her husband, Daniel, of Independence, Ky.; four grandchildren, Katie and Chris Gehrs of Frankenmuth, Kari and Kristie Gehrs of Pigeon; three sisters, Margaret Thurman and her husband, Larry, Pauline Gehrs, and Ruth Flett; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers, the Rev. Gerhardt Gehrs, the Rev. Walter Gehrs, Carl Gehrs; and one sister, Gertrude Albrecht. Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002, at the Cederberg Funeral Home of Frankenmuth, 590 N. Franklin St., and 11 a.m. at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. The Rev. Dale C. Ahlschwede will officiate with burial in St. Lorenz Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to St. Lorenz Student Aid Fund.