

Amanda M. Strauch

Amanda Maria Strauch, age 100 of Sebewaing, passed away Saturday, May 26 at home. She was born on March 13, 1907 to Peter and Minnie (Bock) Gerth in Winsor Township. Shortly thereafter she was brought into the Christian faith by baptism at S. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville. On May 23, 1926 she was united in marriage to Wilbert Strauch. They resided near Kilmanagh, where she has remained after his death in 1969.

St. John Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, was an integral part of Amanda's life. The love of the Lord Jesus was evident in her daily living. In her earlier years, she sang in the choir at S. John Lutheran Church. She was a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the Ladies Aid at St. John, of which she was president for several years, the Lutheran Child and Family Auxiliary, and the Widows Club.

She is survived by two daughters, Audrey Vollmer (David), of Pigeon and Diane Smith (Ronald) of Rochester Hills; seven grandchildren: Candace (Joseph) Watrobka (Joseph), Rebecca Scovill, Jenny Vollmer, Scott (Charla) Vollmer, Rev. Brad (Judy)Smith, Corey (Alison) Smith, and Nathan Smith; eight great-grandchildren: Alex, Cara, Greg, Noah, Timothy, Jacob, Ian, and Lauren; one sibling, Loretta Wenzel (Clarence) of Saginaw; nieces and nephews; and dear friends from Amanda's neighborhood, especially Arnold and Esther Wissner, Suzanne Fritz, Carol Dronsella, and Jan Deering. Siblings Wilda Gerth, Meda Zobel (Carl), Gertrude Gettel (Walter), Peter Gerth, and Elvira Lanning (William), all preceded her in death.

The Funeral Service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29 at St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh, with Rev. Jonathan Meyer, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery, Sebewaing.

Memorials may be made to the St. John Lutheran Church organ fund, or the charity of the donor's choice. Pallbearers for Mrs. Strauch will be Alex Lubeski, Brad Smith, Corey Smith, Nathan Smith, Scott Vollmer, and Joseph Watrobka.

Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, conducted the arrangements.