

# CLARA E. GETTEL

## 1897 - 1995

Clara E. Gettel, 97, lifelong resident of the Western Thumb, died Thursday evening, June 1, at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Winsor Township Aug. 1, 1897, the daughter of Max and Bertha (Nietzke) Strauch.

She was united in marriage with Gottlieb F. Gettel on Sept. 30, 1915, in Kilmanagh. He preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 1967.

Mrs. Gettel was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, as a choir member, Sunday School teacher and a member of Ladies Aid. She was also a member of LWML, LCFS and the St. John's Widows Club. For many years she was an avid gardener.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Pentrak of Green Valley, AZ, and Mrs. Beverly (James) Paul of Brook Park, OH, one grandson, two step-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Two sisters, Myrtle Wissner and Frieda Hof, and two brothers, Wilbur Strauch and Paul Strauch, preceded her in death.

The funeral took place at 1 p.m. Monday, June 5, in St. John Church, with Rev. Jeffrey Walsh officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home of Sebawaing was in charge of arrangements.

Those wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider St. John Church or a charity of their choice.