

Strauch, Doris

Doris O. Strauch, 76, of Pigeon passed away Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at Saint Mary's hospital in Saginaw following a month-long illness. Doris Smith was born in Pigeon on July 21, 1926, the daughter of Archie and Beulah (Eisinger) Smith. She was baptized in the Methodist Church and confirmed in membership in 1946 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville. She was a 1944 Pigeon High School graduate. On Nov. 24, 1945, she was married to Franklin V. Strauch at St. Paul Lutheran Church. They farmed near Linkville for much of their lifetime. They owned and operated Pigeon Lanes and Restaurant for 13 years, beginning in 1962. Frank passed away Sept. 18, 1999. Mrs. Strauch enjoyed golfing and was a member of Scenic Golf and Country Club. She was an avid bowler, enjoyed playing cards and crafting ceramics. She was a faithful, active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, where she had served as vice president of the Ladies Aid and was church secretary for many years. Two children were born to Doris and Frank Strauch, a daughter, Peggy Parrish and her husband, Donald, of Owendale, and a son, Jeffery, who died at age 10 following a long illness; three grandchildren, Bryan Parrish and his wife, Eunice, and Shawn Parrish and his wife, Vickie, all of Owendale, and Brandee Parrish of Bay City; a step-granddaughter, Tarol Douthit and her husband, Robert, of Fla.; four great-grandchildren, Tyler, Shelby, Racheal and Kayla Parrish; four step-great-grandchildren, Stephanie Thorp and Destinee, Orion and Faith Douthit; a sister, Phyllis Conger and her husband, Ken, of Coleman; two brothers, Ronald Smith and his wife, Diane, of Rochester, and Larry Smith and his wife, Gina, of Pigeon; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville, with the Rev. Timothy Loewe, former pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home of Pigeon and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Saturday at the church. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the St. Paul Lutheran Church building fund.