

# TEOFILGE (TILLIE) WITZKE

1901 - 1987

Teofilge (Tillie) Witzke, age 86, of Gagetown, passed away Thursday, July 30 at Caro Community Hospital, Caro, after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Witzke was born July 8, 1901, in Russia, daughter of the late Jacob and Amelia (Melzer) Henkel. As a child, she emigrated with her family to Erie, Pa. On July 21, 1917 she was united in marriage to Frederick Witzke in Cleveland, Ohio. She and her husband moved to Michigan in 1920. He preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1967.

She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bach and an honorary member of the Ladies Aid.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lydia Gettel of Caro, and Mrs. Roy (Martha) Wildman of Gagetown; a son, Dale Witzke of Port Austin; and three sisters, Mrs. Adolph (Lydia) Kweram of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Ed (Martha) Osborne of Conneaut, Ohio, and Mrs. William (Ruth) Petonovich of Willoughby, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, one daughter, three grandchildren and two brothers.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, Aug. 2 at 2:00 p.m. from St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bach. Rev. Paul F. Stohlmann, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Unionville, officiated with burial in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Sebewaing Township.

Memorials may be made in her memory to St. Peter's Lutheran Church or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Arrangements were handled by the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home, Sebewaing.