

LOREN O. GETTEL

1926 - 1993

Loren O. Gettel, age 67 of Pigeon, passed away Sunday, November 7.

Mr. Gettel was born in McKinley Township on October 29, 1926, the son of the late Herbert J. and Dora (Schubach) Gettel. He was united in marriage to Mary J. Watt at the First Presbyterian Church in Flint on August 13, 1955.

Mr. Gettel was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pigeon. His lifetime focus was for the betterment of Scheurer Hospital, Michigan State University, and agriculture. He was an active member of the Scheurer Hospital Board, and served as chairman for many years. He was also a charter member of the Michigan Center for Rural Health. Mr. Gettel attended Michigan State University, and was actively involved in many of the University projects. A farmer before his retirement, he was past president of the Michigan Agricultural Conference, and was a member of the Farm Bureau. He was also a member and past president of the Pigeon Rotary Club, as well as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Survivors include his wife, Mary J., of Pigeon; a daughter, Margaret "Peggy" (David) McCormick, Pigeon; two sons, Thomas W. (Stacey) Gettel, Pigeon and Paul L. Gettel, Munich, Germany; five grandchildren: Marisa, Lauren, Charles, Erin, and Kate; a sister, Dorothy (Charles) Parks, Pt. Austin; three brothers, Clarence (Phyllis) Gettel, Pigeon, Herb (Doris) Gettel, Pigeon, and Douglas (Judy) Gettel, Bloomfield Hills; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 11 from the First United Methodist Church, Pigeon. Rev. James P. Schwandt, pastor, will officiate with burial in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Scheurer Hospital, Rural Health Program-Michigan State University, or the First United Methodist Church.