

Helen Emma Schave, 84, of Fillion died Thursday, April 12, 2012 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe.

She was born March 4, 1928 in Pigeon to the late William and Emma (Trost) Lange.

Helen married Arnold Gettel, on August 19, 1950. He preceded her in death on April 6, 1972. She then married Erwin Schave on May 24, 1975 at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Kinde, MI.

She was a graduate of Pigeon High School. She was a kitchen aide at the Huron County Medical Care for many years. She enjoyed playing euchre and visiting with family and friends.

Helen was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Kinde. She also was a member of the Grindstone Port Hope Sportsman's Club.

Helen is survived by her husband Erwin, four daughters, Joyce Gettel of Seattle, Washington, Linda (Dave) Shaw of Elkton, Diane (Michael) Mills of Arvada, Co, Lori (Phillip) Garcia of Corpus Christi ,TX; two sons, Kevin (Brinda)Gettel of Corsicana, TX, Brian (Leanne) Gettel of Madison Heights, MI; her twin sister Edna (Henry) Hass, Bad Axe; one sister in-law Delores Lange, Pigeon; eight step-children Linda (Leo ) Smith of Sterling Heights, MI, Gary(Sharon) Schave , Charles Schave, JoAnn Schave, and Sharon Joy all of Pt. Hope, Connie (J.P.) Lermont of Harbor Beach, Jerry Schave of Kinde, and Faye (Rick) Finkle of Port Hope; twenty-six grandchildren and step-grandchildren, three step- great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Henry Lange and a sister, Viola Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. on Monday, April 16, 2012 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Port Hope with Rev. Gregory Eilers. Burial will take place at Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday 2-8 p.m. at the MacAlpine "Mac" Funeral Chapel Bad Axe and Monday, 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Advantage, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Meals on Wheels or Donor's Choice.