

Gremel, Lillian M.

Lillian M. Gremel, 72, of Sebewaing, died Monday, April 23, 2007, at her home following a 4-year illness. She was born November 24, 1934 in Detroit, daughter of the late Kornilo and Anna (Jurek) Horun. She was united in marriage to Harold K. Gremel Jr. on November 27, 1953 in Detroit. Lillian and her husband operated the family farm of over 1,000 acres in addition to dairy farming for many years. In her active role in the daily farm work, she recognized early on the importance of promoting the product they worked so hard to produce. She was a charter member of the Huron County Dairy Diplomats and the Huron County Dairy Promotions, which fund scholarships for students pursuing agricultural education. She was involved with Project RED (Rural Education Day) programs along with Adopt-A-Cow and Ag in the Classroom farm visits. She was committed to the youth in the community and served as 4-H leader for 40 years and spent 20 years as a member of the State 4-H programming committees on Dairy as well as Foods and Nutrition. Lillian was also in the Kellogg New Horizons Program. She and her husband were recipients of the West Huron MMPA Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award, MMPA Outstanding Young Dairy Couple Award, MSU Dairy Farmer of the year and were charter members of Quite-A Bunch, a Huron County Farm Bureau community action group. She also received the UDIM Lifetime Achievement Award. Lillian was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing. Surviving are her husband, Harold; two sons, two daughters and their spouses, Walter Gremel, Kathy and Darwin Sneller, all of Sebewaing, Marie Giacomaggio, of Long Island, New York, Larry and Mary Gremel, of Northville; seven grandchildren, Emily, Matthew and Eric Sneller, Louis Lepore, Sabrina Giacomaggio, Rachel and Jack Gremel; one sister, Sophie Hinton, of Bad Axe; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Anthony Horun. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 27, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Rev. Daniel Hahn will officiate with burial in New Bay Port Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. on Friday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Radio Mission Fund, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Huron County Dairy Memorial Fund, Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation.