Menzel, Marie S.

Marie S. Menzel, 80, of Sebewaing died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009 at Covenant Cooper HealthCare in Saginaw following a brief illness.

She was born Dec. 26, 1928 in Gagetown, daughter of the late Adam and Sussana (Parker) Leiterman.

She was united in marriage to Walter Menzel Aug. 18, 1951 in Bach. He preceded her in death Jan. 22, 1994. She then married Elmer Shope on May 6, 2007 in Kilmanagh. Marie was a devoted member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh.

She enjoyed baking, cooking, biking, walking and appreciated helping others and especially loved being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband, Elmer Shope of Sebewaing; one daughter, one son and spouses, Janet (Todd) Vandiver of Unionville; Tom (Linda) Menzel of Warren; three grandchildren, Laura (Brian) Zuzga, Troy and Brad Vandiver; two great-grandchildren, Jailyn and Nikolas; also four sisters, two brothers and spouses, Christine (Victor) Wissner, Dorothy Prichard, all of Sebewaing, Dolly (John) Ondrajka of Marlette, Johanna Miklovich and husband, Orville Mallory, of Gagetown, Max Leiterman of Bay City, James Leiterman of Sebewaing; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Adam Leiterman Jr., Robert Leiterman; and one sister, Barbara Parker.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 at St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh. The Rev. Allen R. Stoll will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. She will lie in state at the church from 10 a.m. Saturday until the time of service.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Lutheran Child and Family Service.