

Dronsella, Walter

Walter E. Dronsella, 83, of Sebewaing, died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe following a three year illness. He was born Feb. 1, 1920 in Brookfield Township, son of the late John and Philamina (Layer) Dronsella. He was united in marriage to Ruth D. Wissner on May 10, 1941 in Kilmanagh. Walter had been a farmer in the Sebewaing area for many years. He also had been employed during the campaigns at Michigan Sugar Company in Sebewaing for many years. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh, had held many church offices and was a member of St. John Lutheran Laymen's League. He is survived by his wife, Ruth D. Dronsella, of Sebewaing; two daughters, Virginia Toman and her husband, Richard, of Royal Oak, Mabel Knowlton and her husband, Cedric, of Zephyrhills, Fla.; three sons, Daryl Dronsella and his wife, Joy, of Jefferson City, Tenn., Arthur Dronsella and his wife, Carol, of Gagetown, Dennis Dronsella and his wife, Marjorie, of West Bloomfield; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Hannah Keller, of Royal Oak; one sister-in-law, Martha Dronsella, of Sebewaing; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by five sisters, Emma Fukes, Edna Gremel, Ida Stobar, Anna Menzel and Ella Kroszner; and one brother, John Dronsella. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2003, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh. Vacancy Pastor, Lee C. Wenskay, will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and noon to 9 p.m. on Friday at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the church. Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or the charity of the donor's choice.