

Kern, Elsie C.



Elsie Caroline Augusta Kern, age 92 of Bay Port, died Thursday February 1 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

She was born in Enid, Oklahoma on September 24, 1914, daughter of Karl and Marie (Fischhaber) Kuck. She was baptized on November 1, 1914 at Evangelical Lutheran Church at Glenella, Garfield Township by Pastor A.C. Traugott, and was confirmed by Rev. O. Rupprecht on May 27, 1928 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese. She graduated from Reese High School in 1933. On September 26, 1937 she married Clarence A. Kern at Trinity Lutheran Church in

Reese. He preceded her in death on October 13, 1969.

Elsie was a homemaker all her life and helped her husband on the farm. After their marriage she joined St. Michael Lutheran Church in Richville. In 1958 the family moved to the Bay Port area and became members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, where Elsie was an active member of the church, serving as Sunday School teacher for 18 years, a member of the Ladies Aid, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and the Lutheran Child and Family Auxiliary. She held offices in each of these societies. She also was on the Board of Lutheran Child and Family Auxiliary of the Michigan District for 25 years. She served as Christian Growth chairman for the Thumb Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and was a member of the Widows Club. Elsie started the church greeters and was actively involved as a greeter for many years.

In her community, Elsie served on the board for the United Way, was a volunteer for the Huron County Mental Health, and was a crusader chairman for the Winsor Township American Cancer Society for 30 years.

Elsie enjoyed visiting and mailing cards to the shut-ins, the ill, the grieving or those celebrating important milestones in their lives. She enjoyed hosting family gatherings at her farmhouse.

She is survived by three sons and their spouses: Richard & Sharon of Bay Port, Dale & Marcia of Stryker, Ohio, and Dennis & Joan of St. Joseph; 11 grandchildren: Kimberly, Kent (Heidi), Kurt, Karl, Matthew (Claire), Andrew (Christina) Kern, Julie (Eric) Patterson, Nicole (Mark) Hindenberger, Timothy, Christopher and Eric Kern; 13 great-grandchildren: Jamie, Ashley, Breanna, Tiffany, Katelyn, Victoria, Lauren, Leah, Joel, Lucas, Reese, Alexander, and Brady; brother Clarence (Pat) Kuck; sister Emily Krause; many nieces and nephews; brothers-in-law Ralph (JoJane) Kern, Reuben (Leona) Miller, and Jack Hill; and sister-in-law Alice Kern. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her son, Donald Kern in 1958; brother Arthur (Magda) Kuck; sisters Alice Kuck, Selma (John) Sahr, Celia (Herbert) Rodammer, Helen (Reuben) Rohloff, Eleanor Kuck, Rosie (Carl) Nurminger; and brother-in-law Carl Krause.

Funeral Services will be 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 5 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, with Rev. Jonathan Meyer officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery, Sebewaing.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. John's Organ Fund or the charity of the donor's choice.