

**Gettel, Dorothy M.**

Dorothy M. Gettel, 85, of Pigeon, passed away Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008 at Bay Medical Care Facility of Bay City.

She was born Sept. 7, 1922 to the late Paul and Alpha (Dubs) Strauch. Dorothy was baptized in St. John Lutheran Church of Kilmanagh, and was confirmed in St. Paul Lutheran Church of Linkville. She was united in marriage to Arthur Gettel at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Linkville. He preceded her in death Feb. 20, 1985. Dorothy was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne. She was a former member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a member of the Ladies Aide, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and taught Sunday school for many years. She helped on the family farm, and loved to sew, quilt and work in her garden.

She is survived by her children, Ronald Gettel and his wife, Karen, of Lapeer, Joanne Christner and her husband, Jim, of Caseville, Gayle Hnatiuk and her husband, Mike, of Sanford, Marilyn Leiterman and her husband, Pete, of Howell and Rodney Gettel and his wife, Kathy, of Essexville. Dorothy also is survived by 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Shirley Kruse and her husband, Don, of Cass City; and a sister-in-law, Beatrice Zittel of Saginaw. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband; her brother, Franklin Strauch and his wife, Doris; and a great-granddaughter, Emma Rockwell.

Funeral services for Dorothy will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008 at the St. John's Lutheran Church of Berne, with the Rev. James Gorseigner officiating. Burial will follow in the St. John Cemetery of Sebewaing.

Visitation for Dorothy will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home of Pigeon from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Memorials may be given to St. John's Lutheran Church of Berne, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Linkville, and the Bluewater Library for the Blind.