

Gettel, Phyllis A.

Phyllis Ann Gettel, 78, of Sand Point, passed away tragically on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002, along with her husband, Clarence, and grandson, Seth Schupan, as a result of an automobile accident in Gilford Township. She was born in Bad Axe on Nov. 28, 1923, the daughter of the late E. Theo and E. Lillian (Sturm) Leipprandt. Following her 1941 graduation from Pigeon High School, Phyllis attended Central Michigan College, obtaining her teacher certification in 1943. She taught at the Maxwell School for one year and in Pigeon for two years. On June 29, 1946 she and Clarence G. Gettel were united in marriage at the Hayes Methodist Church and celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1996. Mrs. Gettel was bookkeeper for the Gettel Implement Co. for 20 years, retiring in 1982. She enjoyed traveling to visit her children and grandchildren, gardening, MSU sports, especially football and basketball, and her local club activities. She was a member of the Pigeon Worthwhile Club, the Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary, the Sand Point Association, and Farm Bureau. She also served as a Brownie, Girl Scout and 4-H leader. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pigeon, as well as the United Methodist Women at the church. In addition to her deceased husband Clarence, her family includes: son, James C. Gettel of Longboat Key, Fla.; two daughters, Marian Kaser, and her husband, Vaughn, of Los Osos, Calif., Jeanne Schupan and her husband, Marc, of Kalamazoo; six grandchildren, Ian, Elliott, Shayna, Seth (deceased), Jacob, and Jordan; three brothers, D. Charles Leipprandt and his wife Doris, of Caseville, Bruce C. Leipprandt and his wife, Virginia, of Pigeon, Ted S. Leipprandt and his wife, Peggie, of Pigeon; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Barbara. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church, Pigeon, with the Rev. Margaret Passenger and Rev. Gordon Nusz officiating. Burial will be in the Grand Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:30 to 9 tonight, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, and from noon until the service time at 1 p.m. at the church. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Scheurer Hospital, Michigan State University or the First United Methodist Church, Pigeon.