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Willard F. Gettel, age 61, of rural Owendale passed away Sunday, August 14 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, following a lengthy illness.

He was born April 30, 1916 in Brookfield Township, son of Margaret and David Gettel. On July 13, 1942, he was united in marriage to Gertrude Pawloski in Ohio, and was engaged in farming and as an employee of Michigan Sugar Company, Sebawaing for 15 years. He was also an elder, treasurer and trustee of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, and a member of the school board for six years, the laymen's league and the Trail Blazer's Farm Bureau Group.

Mr. Gettel is survived by his wife, Gertrude, one son, James of Sebawaing, four daughters, Mrs. Judy Graczyk, Bay City, Mrs. Patricia Mill, Stevensville, Mrs. Nancy Craig, New Castle, Indiana, and Mrs. Debra Dressler, Sebawaing; four grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Margaret Gettel, Sebawaing, one sister, Mrs. Jean Plonta, Hemlock and one brother, Floyd Gettel, Sebawaing.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 17 at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh. The Rev. Wayne Wentzel officiated with burial in St. John's Cemetery, Sebawaing.