

Sting, Clara

Clara Erva Sting, 78, died Saturday, May 13, 2000, at her home following a two-month illness. She was born on July 15, 1921, in Sebewaing, the daughter of the late Robert and Bertha (Ristow) Nitz. She was married to Arnold Sting on Aug. 23, 1947, in Ohio. He preceded her in death on April 23, 1991. Clara was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Bach. Surviving are four sons, John M. Sting and his wife, Janice, of Unionville, Frank Sting and his wife, Shirley, of Genoa, Ohio, Ronald Sting and his wife, Sherri, of Crump and James Sting and his wife, Angie, of Gagetown; four daughters, Diane Kline and her husband, James, of San Bernardino, Calif., Pearl Parsell and her husband, Gene, of Fairgrove, Bonnie Fletcher and her husband, Ted, of Sebewaing and Donna Mikolon of Gagetown; 20 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Esther Schwalm of Yale and Hattie Heinitz of Caro; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one infant son, Ferdinand Sting; six sisters, Alma Janke, Laura Gaeth, Lucy Fritz, Martha Nitz, Rose Nitz and Rose Nitz; six brothers, Paul Nitz, Bernard Nitz, Robert Herman Nitz, Ernst Nitz, Emil Nitz and Harry Nitz. The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2000, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Bach. The Rev. Ernest C. Wendt will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation is from 7 to 9 p.m. today, noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. She will lie in state at the church from 11:30 a.m. until the time of the service Wednesday. Memorials may be made to St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hospice of Bay Area or the Lutheran Hour.