

Gettel, Anita M.

Anita M. Gettel, 80, of Pigeon, passed away Monday, February 12, 2007, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw. Born in Linkville on March 26, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Alfred and Beatrice (Dunn) Deichmann and stepfather Herman D. Fritz. She was baptized in 1926 and confirmed in 1939 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Linkville, where she was a faithful and active lifetime member. Anita was a graduate of the Owendale High School and was united in marriage to Omar S. Gettel on November 13, 1948. He preceded her in death in 1978. She was employed as a school bus driver for the Laker School District for many years. She was also on many boards and committees including St. Paul Lutheran Church's Ladies Aid, Missionary League, Golden Agers, VFW Ladies Auxiliary 2236, and Pigeon Association of Retired School Personnel. Anita is survived by her daughter, Dawn Saunders, of Lapeer; two sons, Alan Gettel and his wife, Ruthie, of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Terry Gettel and his wife, Chris, of Pigeon; four grandchildren, Michelle, Annette and Eric Saunders and Amanda Gettel; three stepgrandchildren, Lynn, Christina and Michael; five stepgreat grandchildren; and a brother, Harold (Dee) Deichmann, of San Diego, California. She was preceded in death by her siblings Don (Joyce) Deichmann, Robert Deichmann, and Doris Deichmann. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 16, 2007, in St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville with the Rev. Lee Wenskay officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Thursday at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon, and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville.