

Ziel, Ella

Ella Marie Barbara Ziel, 89, of Sebewaing, passed away Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at the Huron Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe following a lingering illness. She was born in Owendale on Oct. 4, 1913, the daughter of the late Daniel and Adeline (Schmidt) Albrecht, and graduated from Brookfield School No. 4. On Jan. 22, 1935, she was united in marriage to Rudolf Ziel at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Linkville. He preceded her in death on Feb. 23, 1973. Mrs. Ziel was a lifetime homemaker and farmed along with her husband. She enjoyed both vegetable and flower gardening as well as quilting, and made each of her children and grandchildren a quilt. She was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh, where she was a member of the Ladies Aid, Lutheran Child and Family Services, the Widows Club, the Bible Class, and the Lutheran Women Missionary League. She is survived by five daughters and one son, Shirley Deering and her husband, Harold, of Pigeon, Delores Smith and her husband, James, of Sebewaing, Robert Ziel and his wife, Lucille, of Sebewaing, Ellen Tolloff and her husband, John, of Reese, Janet Deering and his wife, Ralph, of Bay Port, and Ruth Brenner and her husband, Doug, of Sebewaing; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Beatrice Ziel, of Port Austin, and Marion Jahr, of Sebewaing; sister-in-law, Neva Albrecht, of Owendale; several nieces and nephews; and many special friends. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon, in 1947; and a son, Roger, in 1956; and a brother. The funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2003, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh, with the Rev. Lee Wenskay officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery in Sebewaing. A scripture service will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon with the Rev. Wenskay officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday at the church. Memorials may be made to the St. John Lutheran Church Building Fund or the charity of the donor's choice.