

JAMES W. GETTEL

1948-1992

James W. Gettel, 44 of Sebewaing, died unexpectedly Thursday, Dec. 10, at Bay Medical Center, Bay City. He had undergone surgery on the previous day and had been considered on the road to recovery.

Mr. Gettel was born June 6, 1948, in Pigeon, the son of Mrs. Gertrude M. (Pawlowski) Gettel and the late Willard F. Gettel.

He was a 1966 graduate of Owendale-Gagetown High School, and had been employed at Saginaw Steering Gear, Saginaw Division, for 26 1/2 years.

Mr. Gettel was married to Patrice E. Engelhardt in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing, on Feb. 14, 1976, and she survives him. He was a member of Immanuel Church, where he had served on the Board of Education, Board of Finance and a member of the Usher's Club.

Surviving besides his wife, Patrice, are one son, Branden W. Gettel, and one daughter, Anissa Starr Hornbacher, both at home, his mother, Gertrude Gettel of Owendale, four sisters, Mrs. James (Judy) Graczyk of Bay City, Mrs. Ed (Patricia) Mills of Elkhart, IN, Mrs. Dan (Nancy) Lees of New Castle, IN, and Mrs. David (Debra) Dressler of Sebewaing, his mother-in-law, Ivadell Engelhardt, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, James and Mary Engelhardt, all of Sebewaing, several aunts, uncles, four nieces and five nephews.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, in Immanuel Church, with Rev. Martin J. Hagenow officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery at Sebewaing. Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Friends planning memorials are invited to consider Immanuel Church, St. John Lutheran Church of Kilmanagh or American Cancer Society.