

Gettel, Esther

Esther M. "Billie" Gettel, 89, of Sebewaing died late Friday evening, May 10, 2002 at Bay Shores Nursing Care Center in Bay City following a brief illness. She was born Jan. 4, 1913 in Sebewaing Township, daughter of the late William F. and Emma A. (Hornbacher) Gettel. Esther had been employed as a dietitian at the Flint School for the Deaf and Blind for 40 years before retiring and moving from Fenton to Sebewaing. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Sebewaing. She enjoyed traveling and golf and loved wild birds, nature, and gardening. Surviving are one sister, Harriet Ryan, of Sebewaing; one sister-in-law, Marion Gettel, of Venice Fla.; nieces and nephews, Pat Ryan Pyne, of Allentown, Pa., Helen Moser and her husband, Robert, of Farmington Hills, Kathy Gettel Hardy of Clarkston, Kenneth Terrill of Escondido, Calif., and Charles Ryan of Sebewaing. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph and Fredrick Gettel; one sister, Ruth Terrill; a niece, Marquita Willoughby; and one nephew, Carl Hardy. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, May 13, 2002, at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. The Rev. Ray McGee will officiate with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-9 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home, and from 9 a.m. until the time of service Monday. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Trinity United Methodist Church or Bay Shore Camp.