

Kern, Elsie C. A.

Elsie Caroline Augusta Kern, 92, of Bay Port, died Thursday, February 1, 2007, at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. She was born in Enid, Oklahoma on September 24, 1914, daughter of Karl and Marie (Fischhaber) Kuck. She was baptized November 1, 1914 at Evangelical Lutheran Church at Glenella, Garfield Township, by Pastor A.C. Traugott, and was confirmed by The Rev. O. Rupprecht on May 27, 1928 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese. She graduated from Reese High School in 1933. On September 26, 1937, she married Clarence A. Kern at Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese. He preceded her in death on October 13, 1969. Elsie was a homemaker all her life and helped her husband on the farm. After their marriage, she joined St. Michael Lutheran Church in Richville. In 1958, the family moved to the Bay Port area and became members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, where Elsie was an active member of the church, serving as Sunday School teacher for 18 years, a member of the Ladies Aid, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the Lutheran Child and Family Auxiliary. She conducted offices in each of these societies. She also was on the Board of Lutheran Child and Family Auxiliary of the Michigan District for 25 years. She served as Christian Growth chairman for the Thumb Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League and was a member of the Widows' Club. Elsie started the church greeters and was actively involved as a greeter for many years. In her community, Elsie served on the board for the United Way, was a volunteer for the Huron County Mental Health, and was a crusader chairman for the Winsor Township American Cancer Society for 30 years. Elsie enjoyed visiting and mailing cards to the shut-ins, the ill, the grieving or those celebrating important milestones in their lives. She enjoyed hosting family gatherings at her farmhouse. She is survived by three sons and their spouses, Richard and Sharon, of Bay Port, Dale and Marcia, of Stryker, Ohio, and Dennis and Joan, of St. Joseph; 11 grandchildren, Kimberly, Kent (Heidi), Kurt, Karl, Matthew (Claire), Andrew (Christina) Kern, Julie (Eric) Patterson, Nicole (Mark) Hindenberger, Timothy, Christopher and Eric Kern; 13 great grandchildren, Jamie, Ashley, Breanna, Tiffany, Katelyn, Victoria, Lauren, Leah, Joel, Lucas, Reese, Alexander and Brady; a brother, Clarence (Pat) Kuck; a sister, Emily Krause; many nieces and nephews; brothers-in-law, Ralph (JoJane) Kern, Reuben (Leona) Miller and Jack Hill; and sister-in-law, Alice Kern. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Donald Kern, in 1958; a brother, Arthur (Magda) Kuck; sisters, Alice Kuck, Selma (John) Sahr, Celia (Herbert) Rodammer, Helen (Reuben) Rohloff, Eleanor Kuck, Rosie (Carl) Nurminger, and Carl Krause. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 5, 2007, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh, with burial in the church cemetery in Sebewaing. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, and at 9:30 a.m. on Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh. Memorial donations may be made to the St. John's Organ Fund or the charity of the donor's choice.