Claire E. Ernst

INDEPENDENCE TWP. — Claire E. Ernst died Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at Little Brook Nursing Home in Lebanon Township. She was 88.

Born in Mount Kisco, N.Y., she was a daughter of Henry and Emma Graining Hahl. She lived in Independence Township since 1973. She moved to the nursing home a year ago.

She had worked as an executive secretary at Sea-Land Services in New York City, retiring many years ago.

She was a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hackettstown and belonged to its Women's Guild.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Brooklyn; the Republican Club in Independence Township; and the Soroptomist Club in Hackettstown.

Her husband, Robert Ernst, died in 1997.

She is survived by a daughter, Roberta Hughes of Whitehouse Station; a son, James R. Ernst of Beverly; five grandchildren; and 10 greatgrandchildren.

Services were held July 19 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hackettstown. Burial was at Ocean View Cemetery in Staten Island. The Cochran Funeral Home in Hackettstown was in charge of arrangements.

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