

## OBITUARY



COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Katherine T. Bellis, 96, died July 21, 2008, at the Life Care Center in Colorado Springs.

She was born Sept. 3, 1911, in Ringoes, N.J., to Madge and Fred Totten. She was married to Norman P. Bellis in 1938 and lived in New Jersey until 2006, when she moved to Colorado with her daughter.

Mrs. Bellis was a 1928 graduate of Flemington High School, earned a teaching certificate from Trenton Normal School in 1930, a bachelor of science in education in 1959, and a master of arts in elementary education in 1965, both from Trenton State College. Her long teaching history included two years at Wertsville and 12 years at Mount Arlington two-room school houses and 22 years at the Hackettstown public schools as a mathematics teacher to the eighth graders.

She was an active member of the Trinity Methodist Church in Hackettstown, especially enjoying participating in the Senior Handbell choir. She served several terms as president of the Warren County Retired Teachers Association, and was recognized for her community volunteerism. She was inducted into the Hackettstown Senior Hall of Fame in 1999. Her passions included travel both in the United States and internationally.

Her family said, "No one could have asked for a more supportive and caring mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, friend and teacher. Her values, kindness, and strength inspired everyone whose life she touched."

Mrs. Bellis was pre-deceased by her parents, six brothers, and one sister. Her husband, Norman, passed away in 1978, and an infant son, David, died in 1949.

She is survived by her daughter Margaret Dyer-Weissman and her husband, Melvyn; her son Jonathan Bellis and his wife, Virginia Gwynn; one granddaughter; five grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Larison's Corner Presbyterian Church, Ringoes, under the direction of the Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home, 147 Main St., Flemington. Interment will take place at the Amwell Ridge Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the church. Visit [www.holcombefisher.com](http://www.holcombefisher.com) for further information or to send condolences.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Larison's Corner Presbyterian Church, Ringoes, NJ 08551, Trinity United Methodist Church, 213 Main St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840, or the children's charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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