

## OBITUARY



Elizabeth May Dirkes, (nee Rose) - passed away peacefully in the loving care of her family on March 6, 2010. She was born on April 6, 1930 in Hackettstown, to Lewis S. Rose and Dorothy Dolan Rose. She grew up in Penwell, NJ and was raised by her grandparents Richard Northrup Rose and Anna Mae Stroebel and her paternal aunt (Aunt Mac) Viola Rose Hubby. She was predeceased by her loving husband George "Bob" Dirkes in 2007 and her brother Richard Dolan Rose. She is survived by her sons Bob Dirkes, Jr. and his wife Rosie (Toth) and Ron and his wife Eileen (Shields) all of Weymouth. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren whom she was always proud: Tracy of Mays Landing, Rob and his wife Maria of Weymouth, Rachel of North Carolina, Tim of Weymouth, Jeffrey of Hammonton, Katie of Weymouth, and Colleen (Fiance Marc Spiduro, Jr.) of Weymouth. She was Gigi "great-grandmom" to Lillian Rose Dirkes and Gabrielle Elizabeth Spiduro who both had a special place in her heart. She also leaves behind her beloved niece Denise Dolan who was raised by Aunt Betty and Uncle Bob. She had a special place in her

heart for Tom and Jackie Dennis. Also mourning her loss are her loving nieces and caregivers Cindy Turner of Lockport, NY, Rosemary Dirkes of Waterford Works, and Christine Evans of West Seneca, NY, and numerous nieces and nephews. Betty and Bob settled in Bellmawr for many years where she was an elementary school teacher. She received her teaching degree from Centenary College. Upon moving to Weymouth she became involved with the Weymouth Civic League and was instrumental in having a park built on First Avenue in Weymouth where now stands Mattie Hall Park. She became a lifetime member of the Weymouth Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary where she held numerous positions including Vice President and Trustee. She was always a world traveler and had been to many countries. She had been to 48 of the 50 states. She was a home demonstrator for many companies including Home & Garden through the years. She sold jewelry and homegoods. She made top saleswoman many times throughout her career and received numerous awards. She was an avid race fan and was known to travel great distances, wheelchair and all to watch her son, Ron, and grandson Jeff race. She could always be found in the bleachers at her children's and grandchildren's sporting events and dance recitals. She always had a kind word for everyone and her sweet smile could always make someone cheer up. She will be forever in our hearts and be missed dearly. Viewings will be held on Wednesday evening 6-8:30 PM and Thursday morning 10-11 AM at the Boakes Funeral Home, 6050 Main St., Mays Landing where services will be held 11 AM Thursday. Burial will be in the Weymouth Cemetery. Donations may be made to Holy Redeemer Hospice, 6550 Delilah Road, Suite 501, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 or Weymouth United Methodist Church, c/o Virginia Gale, 6436 Maryland Ave., Mizpah, NJ 08342. Info and condolences: [www.boakesfuneralhome.com](http://www.boakesfuneralhome.com)

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