

## **Dorothy E. Bird – Feb. 6, 2015**



BIRD, DOROTHY E. – age 87, of Margate, died peacefully in her chair in her home on Friday, February 6. Born Dorothy Eleanor Bonner in Atlantic City on November 24, 1927, she lived in Atlantic City, Ventnor Heights, and Margate City. The daughter of James and Mathilda (Yahn) Bonner, Dorothy graduated from Holy Spirit High School, Valedictorian of her class. Upon graduation, she married Leon F. Bird in 1947, and was married to him until his death in 1970. A talented seamstress, secretary, and office manager, she was employed at several Atlantic City hotels as secretary and office manager, and worked as Wardrobe Director at Caesar's in Atlantic City, with her employment being based in Las Vegas. For thirty years, she did wardrobe work for the Ice Capades in Atlantic City, and traveled with the Ice Capades around the United States. Dorothy had been retired and lived in Margate, enjoying her children and their families, her Church, and her many friends and neighbors. A lifelong Catholic, she was most recently a member of Holy Trinity Parish, attending church regularly at Blessed Sacrament in Margate. Dorothy is survived by her and Leon's children: Catherine Rawlings, of Bayville, New York, Patricia Wilhelm, of Brookville, Indiana, James Bird, of Ventnor City, NJ, and Joseph Bird, of San Diego, California. She is the Grandmother of ten grandchildren and Great-Grandmother of 11 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way. Her siblings include: James Bonner (deceased), Marilou Anderson of Texas, and Michael Bonner of Northfield. She was preceded in death by her husband Leon, her parents James and Mathilda Bonner, and a granddaughter, Nicole (Nikki) Wilhelm. Services for Dorothy will be on Tuesday, February 10 at Holy Trinity Parish: Blessed Sacrament Church, Margate, with Visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m., Mass at 11:00, and burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Mays Landing, following the service. Memorial contributions in her memory made be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101, or to Holy Trinity Parish, 11 No. Kenyon Avenue, Margate City, NJ. 08402. Arrangements by the George H. Wimberg Funeral Home – [ghwimberg.com](http://ghwimberg.com).