



## Dorothy M. Rice

May 28, 1932 - April 19, 2014

Dorothy Rice- nee Kokocinski

5/28/1932 - 4/19/2014

Born with Cerebral Palsy and no use of her hands, Dorothy would become an accomplished Artist with her feet. As a child, using a crayon between her toes she began to color, soon typing, needle point, dialing the phone, changing the record would follow.

In later years, Dorothy honed her skills creating pencil drawings and oil paintings winning many Blue Ribbons.

Married to Robert Rice, Dot and Bob would be seen walking the Hwys of Rt 35 & 36 throughout the Bayshore Area! Dot in her wheelchair, Bob pushing at his brisk pace. Her keen intuition and fierce independence would take one by surprise. Her sparkling blue eyes, childish giggle and wide smile could draw anyone in! These traits explained many life-long friendships she retained since Grammar School.

Many, Many thanks to the Staff of "1 East" at Regency Park Nursing Center, Hazlet for their care, love and friendship over the past 13 years. Special thank you to Erin Bonomo and the Staff of Life Choice Hospice.

## Cemetery Details

### **NJ Veterans Cemetery**

Arneytown, NJ

## Previous Events

### **Funeral Mass**

APR **30**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Catherines RC Church  
20 Shore Acres Ave  
Middletown, NJ

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dorothy was a very special person. Born with cerebral palsy, she learned at a young age to write and paint with her feet. She was very intelligent, enjoyed life and laughed easily. She often said she did not consider herself handicapped for which she thanked her father who told her she could do anything she put her mind to. Able to walk in her younger years, as she got older she was confined to a wheelchair. With her husband, Bob, pushing, they walked miles in all kinds of weather. They complemented each other and together were able to live a full life. She liked a bit of excitement in her life and enjoyed an occasional bus trip to Disney World in Florida, Atlantic City or the race track. She liked to travel and I know of at least one occasion when she took a plane by herself to Puerto Rico. Her apartment was always beautifully decorated for every season and holiday, especially Christmas. She liked to dress in matching outfits and hair decorations and tried to maintain this as much as possible when she was at Regency Park. These are just some of the memories of I have of her but was always filled with admiration for the way she handled everything life handed her, with perseverance and without complaining. I hope she is having as good a time in Heaven. Norma Kay

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**Norma Kay** - April 23, 2014 at 12:28 PM

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I sadly just became aware that Dorothy passed away. She was like a second Mom. She was an amazing woman who never let her handicap get in her way of living a full life.

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**Christine Card** - October 20, 2016 at 04:01 PM