



Sheila K Dilks

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Sheila Kay Dilks of Hopewell Twp passed away suddenly Saturday evening, October 28, 2023, at Inspira Medical Center-Vineland. Although she had been in declining health for the past year, her death was sudden and unexpected. She was 79 years old.

Born in Bridgeton on April 7, 1944, she was the daughter of Anna Mary (Tarpine) Sheppard and the late Ronald Watson Sheppard. She was the loving wife of David Maxwell “Max” Dilks.

Sheila was the oldest of seven children, three brothers and two sisters. She was predeceased in death by a sister, in addition to an aunt and three uncles. She grew up and resided in Greenwich during her younger years and was an active participant in a 4-H Horseback riding club, “The Circle-G Riders”. While growing up, she greatly treasured the precious moments spent down on the farm with her Dad and her grandparents.

She graduated from Bridgeton High School in 1962 and began working at Bridgeton Junior High as a secretary in the guidance office until 1969.

On November 20, 1965, Sheila married the love of her life, Maxwell Dilks. They would have celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary next month. Sheila spent several years at home as a devoted homemaker and mom until returning to work as a secretary at Hopewell Crest School. She was an excellent baker and won several best of show ribbons at the annual Cumberland County Fair. She enjoyed baking hundreds of Christmas cookies each year and would give them as gifts to family and friends. The Hopewell School teachers were always excited to have one of the “Dilks kids” in their class, knowing that her cookies were always a gift on the holiday. She served as President of the Hopewell Township PTA and enjoyed volunteering and helping wherever she was needed. Sheila was also a member of the Hopewell Stow-Creek Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for as long as it was in existence.



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During her years at Hopewell Crest School, she worked for several years as a substitute secretary in the main office until she began to work full-time as a secretary in the Child Study Team Office. She finished her career working as a secretary in the school library. In June 2011, she retired from Hopewell Crest School after 25 years of service and was awarded the 2011 New Jersey Education Association's Educational Support Professional of the Year for Cumberland County.

After her retirement, she continued to volunteer at school for as long as her health allowed. Sheila loved cooking Sunday dinners for her family and cherished that time every week that everyone came home again.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Maxwell Dilks, her loving children David Watson Dilks and his wife Marie; Daniel "Danny" C. Dilks, Sr. and his wife Jennifer, and Hope Elizabeth Zeck and her husband Roddy, all of Hopewell Twp. She is also survived by her eight grandchildren who were her pride and joy - Daniel "Danny" Dilks, Jr., Jacob "Jake" Dilks, Adalee "Addie" Dilks, Everett "Rhett" Dilks, Megan Zeck, Tyler Zeck, Eric Lomberk, and Shelby Schweitzer. She is also survived by her mother, five siblings, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday morning November 4, 2023, at 11:00 am from the SRAY-WEBSTER FUNERAL HOME, Upper Deerfield Twp. A viewing will be held on Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the funeral home and on Saturday morning one hour prior to the services. The interment will take place in Overlook Cemetery, Bridgeton.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in memory of Sheila be made to the Alzheimer's Association 225 North Michigan Ave. FI.17, Chicago, IL 60601






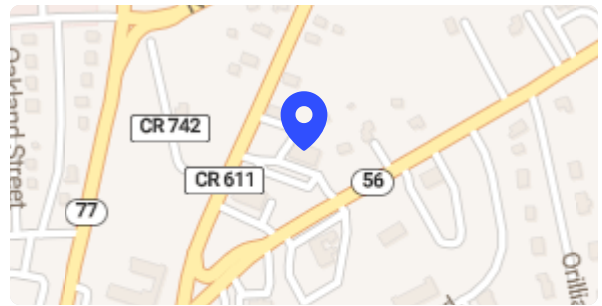
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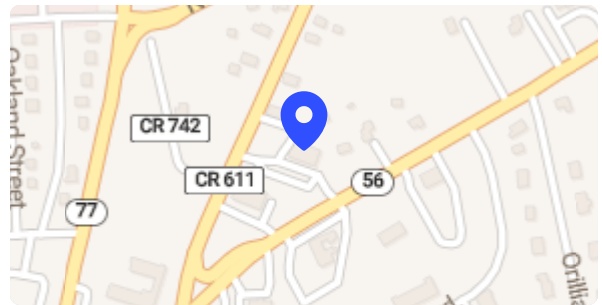
Visitation

-  **Friday**, November 3, 2023
-  6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Sray Webster Funeral Home**
62 Landis Ave, Bridgeton NJ 08302






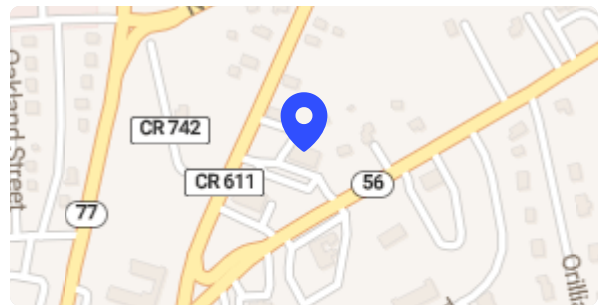
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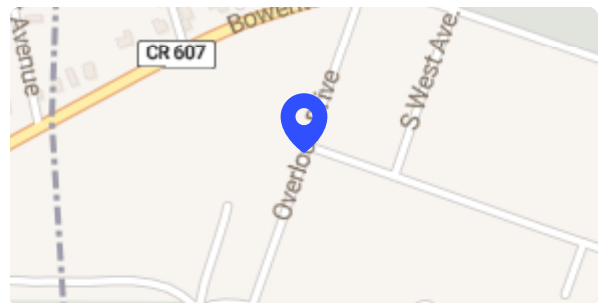
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Cemetery Details

-  **Overlook Cemetery**
100 Overlook Drive, Bridgeton NJ





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MG

Michael Glaspey posted:

I had the honor of knowing and working with Sheila at Hopewell twp school. A great person who always was kind and caring towards everyone. She will be greatly missed. Condolences Mike Glaspey.

November 9 at 9:23 AM

DC

Dale Cruzan Sr posted:

Dale Cruzan SrMax and family so sorry for your loss

November 7 at 4:21 AM

AH

Albert F Harris posted:

Our condolences to you, Max, and your family. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. Al and Judy Harris

November 6 at 6:25 AM

WB

Wendy Baldwin lit a candle in honor of Sheila.

I am very saddened to hear the passing of Mrs. Dilks. She was one of the sweetest, kindest women I had met. My deepest condolences to all of her family. Love, Wendy Baldwin

November 5 at 7:00 PM



MF

Mike Marlette & Family. lit a candle in honor of Sheila.

November 5 at 1:01 AM



GT

George Thomas posted:

Max and Family, We are so very sorry for your loss. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. George and Sharon Thomas.

November 3 at 12:24 PM



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DL

Donna Loose lit a candle in honor of Sheila.



November 3 at 12:13 PM

DL

Donna Loose posted:

To all of Sheila's family-I am so very sorry for your loss. Everyone loved Sheila. I looked forward to her smile and conversation every day@Hopewell Crest. She was a very, very special lady. May all of your sweet memories of her fill your hearts, where she will forever be with you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. With love and sympathy-Donna Loose

November 3 at 12:11 PM

CH

Charlene Hodinka posted:

My thoughts are with you and your family during this time of loss. May your memories of Sheila comfort you. Elliott Pettit

November 2 at 10:18 AM

JL

Jack Lynch posted:

Max and family so sorry for your loss. Jack and Pat Lynch

November 2 at 5:25 AM

LK

Lisa M Kincaid lit a candle in honor of Sheila.

Oh I have so many fond memories of Sheila, while she was working at Hopewell School she was always so helpful with my daughter. She had a lot of knowledge that she would share. I will miss seeing her around the stores. She always had a smile on her face. God Bless the family of Sheila that the Lord would comfort you during this time of passing. Lisa Kincaid



November 2 at 4:47 AM



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RB

Roger Brian Bates posted:

Sorry for your loss. Roger Bates

November 1 at 11:30 PM

JM

Jane McCormick posted:

Hope, we were sorry to learn of your Mother's sudden passing. Her love for you and your entire family was so evident whenever our paths crossed and we chatted about our families. We will keep all of you in our prayers during this difficult time. Sincerely, Bob and Jane McCormick

November 1 at 6:19 PM

SR

Sharon Ryman posted:

So sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in our prayers. Ron & Sharon Ryman

November 1 at 6:11 PM

SW

Shannon Wood posted:

With Deepest Sympathy, Tommy, Shannon, & Ryleigh Wood

November 1 at 3:51 PM

SF

Sam & Kathy French posted:

Max & Family, you are in our hearts and prayers. Sam & Kathy French

November 1 at 5:58 AM

GL

Glenn Logan posted:

Max, Sorry to hear of Shiela's passing. Glenn and Becky Logan

November 1 at 5:10 AM



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ER

Elaine Griffith Raudenbush posted:

Maxwell, I'm so sorry to hear of Sheila's passing. I have fond memories of her during our 4-H years and growing up in Greenwich. Elaine Griffith Raudenbush.

November 1 at 4:44 AM

ER

Elaine Griffith Raudenbush lit a candle in honor of Sheila.



November 1 at 4:36 AM

FC

Frank Amd Cindy Cairone posted:

Megan, we're so sorry for the loss of your grandmother. You and your family are in our prayers. Chickie and Cindy Cairone.

October 31 at 4:56 PM

VV

Veronica Vickers posted:

My deepest condolences to the Sheppard & Dilks Family. Shelia was such a sweet & thoughtful person and she will be truly missed. Veronica Vickers.

October 31 at 4:46 PM

KL

Kathy Latourette posted:

So very sorry for your loss . I always enjoyed talking to her when our paths crossed. She always had a smile and kind words. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

October 31 at 4:37 PM



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Jaime Cifuentes posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family. I had the pleasure and honor to work with Sheila as our child study team secretary. We had a friendship that has left fond lasting memories. Sheila was kind, loved to chat (in detail :)), and was a reminder of genuineness. Baking those cookies was the highlight of the season and her kind gestures did not go unnoticed. Good thoughts and pleasant memories of her.

October 31 at 4:00 PM



Jaime Cifuentes October 31 at 4:02 PM

"Cookies"



Cindy Hackett Anderson posted:

Hope, myself & Larry are holding you close to our hearts at this sad time....please accept our condolences....may your wonderful memories sustain you

October 31 at 3:59 PM



Sandy Blandino-Lavine posted:

David and Marie and Sheila's families! I'm very sorry for your loss. Didn't realize I knew Sheila until her obituary mentioned she was a secretary in the Jr High Guidance Office. She worked with Miss Emily Stites. I was the office manager in the main office of the Jr High. May Sheila now Rest in Eternal Peace! 🙏

October 31 at 3:34 PM



Tammy Newkirk posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Sheila was a beautiful person. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Richie & Tammy Newkirk

October 31 at 3:22 PM



Karen Sheppard posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss, she was one of the sweetest people I knew, always smiling, loved her family dearly. My prayers are with you. Karen Sheppard

October 31 at 3:02 PM



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SD

Shelby Sheppard DeJesus posted:

I am very sorry for your loss. Sheila was a beautiful person. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Shelby Sheppard DeJesus

October 31 at 3:00 PM

FC

Frank & Marie Campagna posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. May Shelia rest in peace with the Angels.
Frank & Marie Campagna

October 31 at 1:08 PM

AJ

Adeleen Jones November 16 at 4:37 PM

Miss Sheppard Dilks worked at the Junior High School when I attended in the 1960s. She was so sweet to me and I never forgot her. She is welcomed by our Lord Jesus Christ into his kingdom of grace and redemption!! My sincere condolences to her entire family. Sincerely from my heart. Adeleen Mather Jones



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sheila by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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