



Elizabeth Kean

January 8, 2007

Elizabeth “Betty” Kean, who along with her family owned the popular New Jersey lake, Kean’s Lake Park and Campground in Elmer, passed away January 8 after a long illness. She was 94. She had lived in Pittsburg, California with her son, William, for several years.

In 1942 she married Elmer “Bud” Kean of Elmer. In 1945 Bud and Betty bought Elmer Pond, a millpond, and developed it into a fisherman’s and camper’s paradise. The lake was stocked with small mouth, large mouth bass, calico bass, pike, perch, bluegills, sunfish, catfish, and eels. The store had a sportsmen motif complete with stuffed Bass trophies hanging from the wall and photos of customers with their catch on the wall. The picnic area had a sandy beach and diving boards and rafts and the ever so popular slide into the lake. The 50 site campground’s lakeside sites were the most sought after.

The lake continued to draw a loyal crowd until it was sold in 1979 when she retired. Although the new owner tried to convert it into a housing development, the lake was never the same and was given over to the State.

She served our country in the US Army as a civilian volunteer in the Aircraft Warning Service. She worked for NJ Bell as an operator and supervisor for 18 years.

Betty and Bud loved ice skating at the Atlantic City Skating Club and the Colonial Skating Club of Haddonfield, NJ, where she was also the Head Costume Designer for their ice skating shows at the Ice House. She was a member of the US Figure Skating Association and a judge for ice dancing competitions. Betty's primary hobby was all kinds of handiwork: sewing, designing, crocheting, knitting and teaching others with her special skills. Betty enjoyed walking the Boardwalk in Atlantic City with her hand made suits, with an embellished hat.

Betty was active in the Elmer Republican Club, Elmer library (librarian), and the PTA (President). She and Bud received the Outstanding Personal Service Award from the Boy Scouts of America Troop 103 (Philadelphia) in 1969.

She is survived by 2 sons, E. William, and John ("Jack") E. of Clayton, NJ and 1 brother, Howard L. Jefferson of Jenson Beach, Fl. and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. A brother, William Jefferson, of Odenton, Md. and a sister Dorothy Field of Owensville, Mo. predeceased her.

A viewing will be held on Jan. 19 from 7 – 9 PM at Adams Funeral Home, 111 S. Main Street, Elmer where friends may call. A Mass will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Jan 20 at 10AM. Burial services will follow at Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Elmer.

(A California Memorial service will be held on February 17 at 2264 Bayberry Circle, Pittsburg.)

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in her memory be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc., 330 Distel Circle, Suite C, Los Altos , Ca. 94022 or Family Caregiver Alliance, 690 Market Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, Ca. 94104

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Tribute Wall



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“ *Thanks for attending the viewing, Mass, and Memorial Service. Jack and I appreciate your kindness and sympathy. Please keep in touch with us.*

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