

### **Jerome, Dorothy E.**

Dorothy E. Jerome, 91, of Bay Port, died Friday evening, May 18, 2007, at Apache Junction Health Care Center, Apache Junction, Arizona, following a lengthy illness. She was born April 30, 1916 in Bay Port to the late Darrell and Dorothy (Carrington) Holtzman. In the '50s, she directed and composed many songs for a number of Follies to raise money for the Bay Port High School. Her residence in Bay Port was the birthplace of the notorious Over the Hill Gang parties, known the world over. In her early years, she worked as a nightclub singer and entertainer. She was the wife of 62 years to the late Harold F. Jerome, dear mother of Michael, and the late Judith Smith. Dorothy was a member of the Bay Port United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Dorothy was a lifelong resident of Bay Port moving to Arizona near her son in 2001 for health reasons. Surviving are her son, Michael (Ramona) Jerome, of Apache Junction, Arizona; son-in-law, Robert Smith, of Bloomfield; grandchildren, Kevin and Mark Smith, David Jerome, and Paula Willett; nine great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her daughter, Judith; her daughter-in-law, Pamela (Gebauer) Jerome; a granddaughter, Kerri Weickel; her brother, Robert Holtzman; and a sister, Natalie Dutcher. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2007, at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton. The Rev. Douglas Mater, pastor of the Bay Port United Methodist Church, will officiate with burial next to her husband in New Bay Port Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and after 10 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to her church, hospice of the donor's choice, or Alzheimer's Disease Association. Words of condolence may be shared by signing the guess book at [www.cfcElkton.com](http://www.cfcElkton.com).