

## **Obituary**

**Died:** Monday, May 11, 2009

Dorothea E. Falco, 93, widow of Thomas Falco of Derby Ave., West Haven died May 11, 2009 after a peaceful five day sleep at The Connecticut Hospice in Branford, with outstanding and compassionate care by everyone attending her. Except for the birth of her children, this was her only overnight hospital stay. Dorothea, or "Dot", especially loved the one acre homestead in West Haven which she and Tom purchased in 1938. Her gardens and year round bird feeders provided great joy. Cooking and shopping for bargains were skills that she taught her children and grandchildren to sustain themselves. Born in New Haven on Jan. 25, 1916, she was the daughter of the late John E. and Anna Smith Gilbert. Dorothea shopped three times weekly, right up to the age of 93. Until she let her sons do it during the last winter, she was in her favorite stores, reading the weekly ads, making lists, and conversing with staff and fellow shoppers. Family was her paramount goal. She and her sons were confirmed members of Trinity Lutheran Church in New Haven. She is survived by two sons, Thomas G. and Richard A. Falco, both of West Haven; son in law, James P. Dinneen of Guilford; grandson, Stephen Neal and his wife, Amy of Cromwell; her beloved granddaughter, Sherri Stearns, her husband, Stephen and their son, Kyle of Shannock, R.I. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her daughter, Carol Kasulaitis; her brother, Norman Gilbert and her sister, Marjorie Cosgrove. Dot was especially proud of her great grandson, Kyle and his family love of reading and science. Dot always liked reading and doing crossword puzzles. (She appreciated the CT. POST printing two puzzles). She encouraged and shared in her sons' passion for Detroit Tigers baseball, Yale University football, reading, astronomy, bird watching, gardening, the art of Pablo Picasso and the practice of Tai chi chuan. In accordance with her wishes, Dorothy's body has been donated to the Yale University School of Medicine. There will be no calling hours and any memorials her grandchildren wish to organize will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to The Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405. And, finally, Do a surprise good deed for someone.

## **Service Summary**

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