

From the Wednesday, November 9, 2011 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

Betty Eskildsen, 84, of Bull Shoals, Ark., died Sunday (Nov. 6, 2011) at home, surrounded by her family. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at Kirby & Family Funeral Home in Bull Shoals. Funeral Services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at the Bull Shoals United Methodist Church. The Rev. Donny Hudson will officiate. Entombment will be private at Kirby's Tucker Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Bull Shoals Food Pantry, Christmas Wish List or Hospice of the Ozarks. Betty was born Aug. 11, 1927, in Herscher to Henry and Irene Curwick Grinstead. Betty worked out of her home as a beautician, then as a secretary for Singer Sewing Machines and finally the family business, Minneapolis Moline Farm and Auto Sales. She married her husband of 65 years, Neil Eskildsen, May 18, 1946, in Dwight. Betty and Neil moved to Bull Shoals from Reddick in 1985. Betty lived her strong Christian faith by caring for others. She was the first female EMT for the fire department in Reddick. After moving to Bull Shoals, she was a member of the Lions Club, Bull Shoals Fire Department Auxiliary, Bull Shoals Police Auxiliary and Hoevel-Barnett VFW Ladies Auxiliary; a volunteer at the Little Bit Used Shop; and she could be found working along side her sister Dee at the Bull Shoals Theater of the Arts. She was a member of the Bull Shoals United Methodist Church. Betty is survived by her husband, Neil, of the home; one daughter, Lynn Nickels (Marty) of Bull Shoals; one son, David Eskildsen (Karen) of Littlestown, Pa; one brother, Donald Grinstead (Beverly) of California; one sister-in-law, Jean Grinstead, of Illinois; five grandchildren, Jeff (Donna) Gardner, Carrie (Bill) Marry, Jill Eskildsen, Kim Parks and Michael Nickels; 12 great-grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews; and her best buddy, Gracie. She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Sandy Gilbert; one brother, Paul Grinstead; and one sister, Dolores Merritt. Please visit her guestbook at kirbyandfamily.com. (Pd.)

From the November 9 to November 11, 2011 editions of the Baxter (Mountain View, Arkansas) Bulletin:

Betty Eskildsen (1927 - 2011) Funeral Services for Betty Eskildsen, 84, of Bull Shoals, Arkansas will be 11AM Saturday November 12, 2011, at the Bull Shoals United Methodist Church with Reverend Donny Hudson officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7PM Friday November 11, 2011, at Kirby & Family Funeral Home in Bull Shoals, AR. Betty passed away at home Sunday November 6, 2011 surrounded by her family. Betty was born August 11, 1927, at Herscher, IL to Henry and Irene Curwick Grinstead. She married her husband of 65 years Neil Eskildsen May 18, 1946, at Dwight, IL. Betty worked out of her home as a beautician then as a secretary for Singer Sewing Machines and finally the family business, Minneapolis Moline Farm and Auto Sales. Betty and Neil moved to Bull Shoals from Reddick, IL in 1985. Betty lived her strong Christian faith by caring for others. She was the first female EMT for the fire department in Reddick, IL. After moving to Bull Shoals she was a member of the Lion's Club, Bull Shoals Fire Department Auxiliary, Bull Shoals Police Auxiliary, Hoevel-Barnett VFW Ladies Auxiliary, volunteer at the Little Bit Used Shop, and could be found working along side her sister, Dee at the Bull Shoals Theater of the Arts. She was a member of the Bull Shoals United Methodist Church. Betty is survived by husband Neil of the home;

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