

From the Wednesday, December 30, 2009 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

Dolores "Dee" Merritt, 78, of Bull Shoals, Ark., formerly of Kankakee, passed away suddenly Thursday (Dec. 24, 2009) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. Visitation was from noon today until the 2 p.m. services at the Kirby and Family Funeral Home in Bull Shoals. Memorials may be made to the Bull Shoals organization of choice. She was born Aug. 9, 1931, in Hope, Ind., the daughter of Henry and Irene Curwick Grinstead. She married Jack Merritt May 3, 1981, in Bull Shoals. Before retiring to Bull Shoals in 1994, Jack and Dee owned Marycrest Lanes in Kankakee. She was an active member of the Hoevel-Barnett VFW Ladies Auxiliary, the Bull Shoals Fire Auxiliary, the Bull Shoals Police Auxiliary, the Lions Club and a volunteer at the Bull Shoals Theater of the Arts and the Little Bit Used Shop. She was a lifelong bowler and loved living in Bull Shoals. She was a member of St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Roxanne and Walter Caulder of Kathleen, Ga., Misty and Thomas Kerouac of Bourbonnais; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Niel Eskildsen of Bull Shoals; one brother and two sisters-in-law, Donald and Beverly Grinstead of California, Jean Grinstead of Illinois; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, and one brother. Please sign her guestbook at kirbyandfamily.com. (Pd.)

From the Wednesday, December 30, 2009 edition of the Baxter, Arkansas Bulletin:

Dolores "Dee" Merritt, 78 Funeral Services for Dolores "Dee" Merritt of Bull Shoals, AR will be at 2PM Wednesday December 30, 2009 at Kirby and Family Funeral Home in Bull Shoals, AR. Visitation will be from 12PM until time of service. Dee passed away suddenly December 24, 2009 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. She was 78. Dee was born at Hope, IN to Henry and Irene Curwick Grinstead on August 9, 1931. She married Jack Merritt at Bull Shoals, AR on May 3, 1981. Before retiring to Bull Shoals in 1994 Jack and Dee owned Marycrest Lanes in Kankakee, IL. She was an active member of the Hoevel-Barnett VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Bull Shoals-Fire Auxiliary, Bull Shoals Police Auxiliary, the Lion's Club and a volunteer at the Bull Shoals Theater of the Arts and the Little Bit Used Shop. Dee was a life-long bowler and loved living in Bull Shoals. She was a member of St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church. She is survived by two daughters; Roxanne Caulder(Walter) of Kathleen, GA. and Misty Kerouac (Thomas) of Bourbonnais, IL, one sister; Betty (Niel) Eskildsen of Bull Shoals, AR.; one brother, Donald Grinstead (Beverly) of California, one sister in law Jean Grinstead of IL., 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands and one brother. Memorials may be made to the Bull Shoals Organization of Choice. Arrangements are by Kirby & Family Funeral & Cremation Services. Visit our online guestbook/obituary at kirbyandfamily.com.

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