

From the Friday, July 24, 2015 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

Sylvia K. "Katie" Nickles, 73, of Bourbonnais, passed away Wednesday (July 22, 2015) at her home. She was born Nov. 29, 1942, in Lincoln County, N.C., the daughter of Harold and Clara Abernathy Carstens. Sylvia married Ronald Nickles. He preceded her in death. She worked for many years at the counter control at Gala Lanes, loved bowling and bingo, and enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Surviving are five children, Chris and Jaye Alford, of Wisconsin, Bryan and Tracy Menard, of Limestone, Jerry Menard, of Bourbonnais, Cheryl Menard, of Mobridge, S.D., and Robert and Barb Nickles, of Madison, Wis.; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Phyllis Lewis, of Phoenix, Ariz., Harold Jr. and Pat Carstens, of Bourbonnais, Robert and Sheila Carstens, of Bourbonnais, Pat and Roger LaMore, of Bourbonnais, Michael and Kathy Carstens, of Aroma Park; and Lori and Jerry LeVeque, of Bourbonnais; many nieces and nephews; and her special companion, Nute Patton, of Bradley. In addition to her husband, preceding her in death were a daughter, Shawn "Bridgette" Lambert. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, also at the funeral home. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Please sign her online guestbook at clancygernon.com. (Pd.)