



Edrie Garritson Kolster

August 17, 1915 - November 24, 2007

Edrie Kolster -- KankakeeEdrie Gerritson Kolster, 92, of Kankakee, died Friday (Nov. 23, 2007) at Riverside Medical Center. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, and from 10 a.m. Wednesday at Congregational United Church of Christ, until the 11 a.m. funeral service. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. Mrs. Kolster was a pioneer for women in real estate. She was one of the first women in real estate in Kankakee County. She was born Aug. 17, 1915, in Franklin County, the daughter of Harmon and Ida Puckett Lamply. Her first husband, Jerome Jacob Gerritson, whom she married in 1936, died Jan. 26, 1966. She then married Lt. Col. Kenneth Kolster Oct. 5, 1982, in Hayward, Wis. He died Aug. 29, 1986. Edrie felt she had to excel being a woman in a man's world. She continued her real estate education, becoming a broker the first year. She continued to work obtaining designations of GRI, CRA, CRS and CRB. She was the first woman to obtain the CRB designation in Kankakee County and was in the first 1,000 in the U.S. She held offices at the county and state level and had two articles published in the National Real Estate Magazine. She was a founding member of the Congregational United Church of Christ and was very active, holding several offices. She was a lifetime member of the Kankakee Woman's Club, Historical Society, Kankakee Kultivators and a past member of the Zonta and Tuesday Book Review Club. She enjoyed fishing, flower arranging, golf, playing bridge and in late years, she enjoyed cooking

and helping others. Surviving are three grandchildren, Deborah Gilbert of Bourbonnais, Cynthia and Ron Langlois of Kankakee, James R. and Pam Gerritson of Indianapolis, Ind.; eight great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren; two stepdaughters, Kris McKay of Narrows, Va., Kim Gibson of Burke, Va.; and two stepgrandchildren. Deceased are one son, Jerome Gerritson Jr.; and one sister, Jewel Narine.

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