



Dee Oates

January 24, 1925 - June 3, 2022

Dee Oates, 97, of Hot Springs, Arkansas passed away Friday, June 3, 2022. She was born January 24, 1925 in Boone, Iowa to the late Howard & Marie Knight.

She graduated in 1942 from Ames High School, Ames, Iowa, attended Junior college received a degree in Spanish in 1944 at Principia College, Elsah, Illinois

Dee served 2 years with the Hawaiian Air Depot of the Seventh Air Force, Hickam AFB Oahu, Hawaii including 1000 hours with the Red Cross and one year USO tour singing with the Seabees Band during WW2.

She met her husband Tom at Pearl Harbor in 1946 and married 56 years

Tom & Dee were successful restaurateurs with their Maidrite Sandwich Shoppes in Ames, Iowa. They retired to Hot Springs in the 1980's

She was former president of Women's Welcome Club, Habitat for Humanity supporter and volunteer, Garvan Gardens' 500 hour volunteer, active member and supporter of Hot Springs Jazz Society, Documentary Film Festival, The Muses and Samaritan Ministries and her church, The First Church of Christ

Scientist

Her favorite charities are Heifer, Red Cross and USO.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Tom Oates and son, Harry Oates.

She is survived by her brother her Jack Knight; two sons Tom Oates and Steve Oates; two granddaughters, Charlotte and Dana and three great grandsons Ian, Tristan and Jonathan.

A Gathering will begin at 2:00 P.M., Monday, June 13, 2022 at Hot Springs Funeral Home

Previous Events

Time of Remembrance

JUN 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hot Springs Funeral Home
1017 Central Avenue

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Tom and Steve,..so many great memories of both your Mom and Dad and their outgoing laughter, smiles, and great food. Both of them were models to me and others.
I remember both of you being just as much fun as they were.
I hope she was still sharp at 97 as she was when we knew her.
Mark Lampert Boden, Class of 67'...Salem,Mass.

MARK E E LAMPERT BODEN - June 26, 2022 at 07:00 AM

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“ I remember meeting her at Women's Welcome Club . She was president in 1994 ,I was not there than meet her in 2016. She was also very generous. I went to house once and she gave me one of her HATS and did not let me give her any money for it. I have worn it many times at WWC like at Easter time . I added many Easter items to have on it like Easter bunny messages , etc Lots of Prayers for all her family and friends

Barbara Henry - June 06, 2022 at 06:29 PM

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“ So many wonderful memories of time spent with Dee. Her wonderful Thanksgiving dinners with ham - she didn't like turkey - and her Maidrite parties; lunches at the tea room on Malvern; lunches at my house with Daisy and Joya. So much fun and laughter in her company not to mention our spiritual connection. I am so honored to have shared her friendship and learned from her. I have missed her these past few months when she no longer took calls or wanted visits. I will miss her even more now but she will live in my heart forever.

Carol Scholp - June 05, 2022 at 11:52 PM