



Jean Louise Merrill

January 29, 1936 - October 21, 2025

Jean Louise Merrill, age 89, of Decatur, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at Riverside Senior Living Center.

Born on January 29, 1936, in Colorado to Marcus and Minnie Pouzar Holtorf, Jean lived a full life centered around family, her deep love for dogs, and a passion for sports. A dedicated dog enthusiast, she earned recognition through multiple championship wins in dog showing. Her home was a comforting place where the television was always tuned to the Hallmark Channel or a sports broadcast—especially if her beloved Denver Broncos or Colorado Rockies were playing.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Merrill, former owner of Whitlock Construction; her twin sister, Joan Shierry; and her parents, Marcus and Minnie Holtorf.

She is lovingly remembered by her two children, Kenneth (Alicia) Merrill and Pam (John) Musso; her grandchildren, Abigail Moss, Emily (Abe) Merrill, Brodie Merrill, McKenna (Garrett) Wright, and Jordan Musso; and her great-grandchildren, Emma Moss, Kennedy Wright, Conner Wright, and Casey Wright.