Modesta Luella Beason, 82, of Carthage, Mo., and formerly of our area, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017, at Carthage Health and Rehabilitation Center, surrounded by her family.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 15, at the Christ's Church of Perseverance, Joplin, Mo., with children and family officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Housh-Goodwin Funeral Home, Sarcoxie, Mo. Online condolences may be sent to the family through the funeral home website housh-goodwinfuneralhome.com.

Modesta was born Feb. 20, 1935, in Brooklyn, Iowa, the daughter of Asa and Isla Anderson Talboit. She grew up in Grinnell, and on Dec. 19, 1954, married George William Beason. They later moved to Texas, and after his retirement they moved to the La Russell, Sarcoxie, Mo., area. For several years she worked for Hudson Farms in Carthage, Mo. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Carthage, Mo. She enjoyed embroidery, bowling, sewing, cooking and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children, Mary Beason, George Beason, Carolyn Clark and Alice Sims, all of Carthage, Mo., Vickie Day of Cleburne, Texas, John Beason of Mount Vernon, Mo., and Asa Beason of Alvarado, Texas; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Trease of Grinnell, as well as other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, on Feb. 22, 2015, her parents; and one brother, Jim Talboit.