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Billie Jean Blevins 7-17-
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Billie Jean Blevins, 76, of Marshall, Mo., formerly of Grand Pass, Missouri, and a Grinnell native, died Tuesday, July 17, 2018, of Parkinson's disease.

A memorial service was held on July 27 in Marshall, and she will be buried in the Pleasant Township Cemetery in Ewart, near the family farm.

Born in Grinnell, Billie was the daughter of the late Bert O. Stemsrud and Margaret Stemsrud Tubaugh. She attended a rural elementary school in Ewart and graduated from Montezuma High School as valedictorian of her class. She lived in Grand Pass for several years, previously living in Dallas, Texas, and Cedar Rapids and Mount Vernon in Iowa.

Billie retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 20 years of service and was a seamstress and floral designer in earlier years. She was a Den Mother for Cub Scouts and a member of the Jaycees and was involved in charitable organizations throughout her life. She was a member of Waverly, Mo., Christian Church and involved in the Waverly Apple Jubilee, making apple dumplings for their major fundraiser. In addition to her love of travel, Billie liked to comb antique shops and attend auctions, and her sewing and baking skills were well-known and appreciated by those fortunate enough to benefit from her generosity.

She is survived by her husband of 21 years, Wayne Blevins of Marshall, Mo.; her son, Tod Rimrodt of Agoura Hills, Calif.; her daughter, Cara Hunter of Salisbury, Mo.; her sisters, Linda Vogé of Fayette, Mo., and Judith D'Amico of Portland, Maine; and several nephews.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents, and by a half-brother, Bob Stemsrud of Grinnell.