Phyllis Thompson, 79, of Montezuma, died Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City.

Funeral services were scheduled for Monday, July 2, at the Community Hope Church in Montezuma beginning at 10:30 a.m. Visitation was held July 1 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial was in the Jackson Township Cemetery at Montezuma. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Ann Thompson was born March 8, 1939, in rural Montezuma to Walter and Vernice Davis Johnston. The family moved near Montezuma and Phyllis graduated from Montezuma High School in 1956. Phyllis attended and graduated from airine school in Minneapolis and was hired on March 18, 1957, as a teletype operator for United Airlines. She worked for United Airlines in Chicago before she transferred to Denver and then to Cedar Rapids. On Oct. 22, 1960, Phyllis married her high school sweetheart, Gary Thompson; they had four children and she became a stay-at-home mom. She later worked at Star Lanes, the Monte Sale Barn and Brownell's Inc.

Phyllis enjoyed dancing, sewing items, for others, quilting, going to the grandkids’ activities and spending time with her family.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Gary of Montezuma; her children, Steve Thompson of Montezuma, Rod Thompson of Montezuma and Rock Creek, Patty Gibson of Grinnell and Becky Shaffer of Grinnell; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson; her brother Ed Johnston; as well as many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters Donna Ray Johnston at birth and Janet Austin.
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