Shirley Jean Lillie  
Feb. 13, 1936 - Aug. 13, 2019  

Shirley Lillie, 83 of Montezuma passed away Tuesday morning, August 13, 2019, at the Montezuma Specialty Care. Funeral services were Friday, Aug. 16, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial was held at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma Specialty Care Bus Fund. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Jean Lillie, the daughter of Dennis and Ola Belle (Conger) Grovenburg was born on Feb. 13, 1936 in Grinnell. She attended school in Grinnell. Shirley was united in marriage to Marly (Pete) Lillie in 1952 at Unionville, MO. To this union three children were born, Carolyn, Gary, and Debra. Shirley owned and managed a fish and pet store in Grinnell and later one in Montezuma. She also worked and managed the marina at Lake Ponderosa. Shirley received her realtor’s license in the mid-70s and worked at Century 21 in Grinnell, Citizen’s Realty, and then Tompkins Realty in Montezuma for over 30 years. In addition, she owned an antique and collectible store, Timeless Treasures, in Montezuma. Shirley enjoyed genealogy, flower plants, bird watching, puzzles, the Dairy King, bingo, and her favorite TV show, Oak Island. She loved her family and spending time with them.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Pete; her son, Gary; her brothers, Keith, Dennis, Ernest, and Kenneth; her sisters, Helen Strand, Mildred Vuyksteke, and Thelma Fisher.

Shirley is survived by her children: Carolyn (David) Bru of Montezuma and Debra (Bill) Garman of Rose Hill; seven grandchildren; Eric (Traci) Bru, Jennifer (Doug) Readshaw, Joshua, David, Brabe, Suzy (Shannon) Cornstock, Matthew Aufenkamp, and John (Angle) Laecht; 18 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.