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## Jody Viertel, 71

Jo Anita "Jody" Viertel, 71, of Blackwater died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000 at her home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church in Boonville with the Rev. Jeff Martin officiating. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville after 1 p.m. Wednesday until noon Thursday, and then at the church. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Jo Anita Viertel was born June 28, 1928 in Boonville, daughter of William and Dorsey Mae Neal Viertel. She received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Lindenwood College in 1950, and a M.Ed from the University of Missouri in 1968. She taught physical education at David Barton and Blackwater schools for several years in the 1960s. She lived most of her life in Cooper County, farming near Blackwater for 45 years. She was an Elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Boonville.

Survivors include two sisters, Willie Mae Grissom of Terra Haute, Ind., and Mary Doris Stephens of Lake Tapawingo, Mo.; two nieces, two nephews, two great-nephews, and three great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church in Boonville.