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Survivors include a son, John Kirk Baldridge of San Dimas, Calif.; two daughters, Patti Card of Fort Collins, Colo., and Linda Merten of San Antonio, Texas; five grandchildren; two sisters, Edna Nation of Albuquerque, N.M., and Agnes Carpenter of Girard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Iliah Jackson and Viola Miller.

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