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In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Elma; and a brother-in-law.

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