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She married A. Ray Close on June 30, 1936 at Lamar, Mo. He preceded her in death on April 17, 1987.

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Survivors include a son, Terry Close of rural Pittsburg; three brothers, Earl Rowe of Indianapolis, Ind., Floyd Rowe of Ruskin Heights, Mo., and Charles Rowe of Fayetteville, Ga.; one sister, Lanora Hart of Houma, La.; and a granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Hollis Rowe, Lloyd Rowe and Pete Rowe, and a sister, Arminda Mobley.

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