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Survivors include her nephew, Hal D. Ferraro and his wife, Sue, of Belton, Mo., who provided for her care; two grandnephews; two great-nieces; and a great-nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Georgie Cowan Ferraro and Bessie Cowan; and a brother, Harry Cowan.

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