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Visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, from 2 p.m. till 7 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home, Victor. A funeral service will be held on Friday, Jan. 6, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home, Victor.

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