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Mary was a constant presence at all of her son's school and sporting events over the years. She enjoyed playing cards and collecting cuckoo clocks and bells, loved to cook and treasured her time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her son, Joe Nixon and two grandchildren, all of Brentwood, Tenn. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim in 1974; and several brothers and sisters.

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Survivors include her son, Joe (Judi) Nixon, and two grandchildren, Leah and Steven, all of Brentwood, Tenn.

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