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Joyce is preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Mary Elizabeth Rose; her brother-in-law, Gary Hicks; and her nephew, Gary "Bill" Hicks, Jr.

She is survived by her sisters, Martha Hicks of Grinnell, Diana (Roger) Gregson of Montezuma; and her brother, Harley Dale Rose, Jr. (Nancy) of Oskaloosa; several nieces and nephews; as well as great and great-great nieces and nephews.

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