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Mary enjoyed her teaching career of over 20 years, as well as gardening, sewing, and reading. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church for over 70 years. Mary was also a long-time member of Emanon & River Road Clubs, and a 4-H leader. After her retirement, she and Rolland traveled to all 50 states and to several countries to explore farming practices abroad, and wintered in Mesa, Ariz.

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