She is survived by her husband, Toby Matherly of South Houston, Texas; her children, Lori Woods of Crosby, Texas, Jeff Matherly of Clute, Texas, and Ellen Kyser of La Porte, Texas, and Jody Matherly of Grinnell; 14 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; her sister, Jake Minear of Grinnell; and her brother, Tim Galbraith of Phoenix, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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Memorials may be made to the Sharon L. Matherly Memorial Fund to benefit organizations of the family's choice. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

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