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Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell is handling arrangements.

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Cookie was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He loved music, flowers, cooking, and socializing with people. He was a good friend to many.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Anna McIlrath of Laguna Woods, Calif.; several nieces, all of California; and several cousins.

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