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Odessa was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John, in 1977; three children in infancy; one grandson, Stephen White; and one brother, Ronald Baltisberger.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Malcom Volunteer Fire Department. Condolences may be submitted online via the Smith Funeral Home website at www.smithfh.com.

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Visitation will be held from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home with the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday evening.