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April 14, at Sheridan Cemetery in rural Poweshiek County.

There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Mary Lou Saunders Memorial Fund to be designated by family for local causes.

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Mary Lou loved the outdoors, camping and being a hostess at Rock Creek Lake, fishing and wintertime activities that included snowmobiling. For 10 years, the couple enjoyed wintering in the Mission and McClellan, Texas, area. Mary Lou enjoyed knitting, reading, playing bingo and putting together puzzles.

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