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The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Lakeview Christian Hospice Care, 1300 N. Canal, Carlsbad, N.M. 88220.

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