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Brown of Montezuma: and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter; Janet Carol Brown, who died in infancy.