Grace 'Molly' Molison Sheerar (Leonard)

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Carol Wehr, pastor of the Malcom-Sheridan Parish, will officiate. All friends attending the graveside service are urged to meet at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell one hour prior to the service.

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