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Survivors include two sons, Gary F. Dykstra of Derby and David Blackburn of Largo, Fla., and a niece, Farris Dearborn of Nevada.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Graveside services were held today, Thursday, July 3, at 10 a.m. at the Warren Township Cemetery in McCallsburg with Pastor Steve Williams officiating. The family received friends prior to the service at Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada.

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Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada is in charge of arrangements.

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