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Mary 'Mae' L. Gray King

JAN. 23, 1911-DEC. 14, 2002

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She was preceded in death by two husbands and one brother.

Visitation will be after 3 p.m. Tuesday at Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada, with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to Colo-Nesco Vocal Music Department.

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