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He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Evelyn; brother, Michael; sister Sherrol; and two nieces, Renee' and Michelle Klug.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

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