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Joan is survived by her husband, Charles; son, Andy (Sharon) Mapes, of Cambridge; two grandsons, Blade Mapes, of Davenport, IA, and Jacob Mapes of Colona, IL; and siblings, Dennis (Carol) Diericx, of Geneseo, Audrey (Jim) Gentry, of Atkinson, Aric (Liz) Diericx, of Mt. Jacob, and Randy (Rox) Diericx, of Atkinson.

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the way you did today,
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I know how much you love me,
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And each time you think of me,
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for every time you think of me,
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