

Sidney Gayle Gibson Connell

TRINITY - Services for Sidney Gayle Gibson Connell, 91, of Trinity were held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 13, 2005, in the First United Methodist Church of Trinity with the Rev. Everett McCollum officiating.

Burial followed in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Trinity.

Mrs. Gibson died at her residence Friday, June 10.

Born July 19, 1913, in Trinity, she was the third child born to the late James Benjamin Gibson and Jessie Clegg Gibson.

She attended Trinity public schools and Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville. She was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Education degree (August, 1964) from Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville as well as an art certificate in June 1934 from the Richmond Division of William and Mary.

She was married to Walter Lee Connell Jr. in 1942 and the couple



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resided for a number of years in Venezuela; Lagos, Nigeria; Australia; the Canary Island; and Italy, where he was employed in the oil industry.

On returning to Trinity, Mrs. Connell taught in the Trinity school system and was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Order of the Eastern Star Lodge No. 186 and the Trinity County Historical Commission. She also taught yoga classes and volunteered at the local hospital and served on the ETMC Hospital Auxiliary Board.

Mrs. Connell enjoyed long walks with her son in the mornings and loved to perform music. She played the violin, piano and organ.

She also served as a volunteer at the Martin Senior Center in Trinity for a number of years and always looked forward to Wednesdays, when she attended the Trinity Lions Club meetings as an honorary member.

Mrs. Connell also was a longtime volunteer at the Avalon Place nursing home, assisting elderly residents in any way she was needed.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers, Guilford Gibson and Ben Gibson; and a sister, Elzira Gibson.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Jessica Gayle and Frankie Parish; a son and daughter-in-law, William L. Bill and Kimberly Connell; four grandchildren and their spouses, Katherine Con-

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