

Cremation

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Ila Fae "Bobbie" Hutson Cowan

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. - A memorial gathering for Ila Fae

"Bobbie" Hutson Cowan, 83, of Storrs, Conn., and formerly of Trinity will be held at the Cowan residence in Storrs, Conn. From 1:30-3 p.m. on April 2, 2005.

Cremation was handled by the Potter Funeral Home in Willimantic, Conn. A private funeral service also was held.

Mrs. Cowen died March 3, at the Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation after a long bout with emphysema.

She was born Aug. 21, 1921, in the Apple Springs community of Trinity County and resided in Trinity until she was 22 years of age. She attended Trinity High School where she and her beloved identical twin sister, Vera Mae, were members of the band.

Following graduation, she was employed by a bank in Crockett and then spent two years during World War II in Waukegan, Ill., where she worked at the Fansteel Metallurgical Corp. While there, she met her husband, W.A. "Al" Cowan, who was stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Air Station. The couple was married on Aug. 16, 1946 and celebrated their 58th anniversary in 2004.

The couple moved to Amherst, Mass, in 1946 where they were both employed by the University of Massachusetts. In 1952, they moved to the University of Connecticut in Storrs where they enjoyed life together for 53 years. Mrs. Cowan worked at UCONN at the registrars, College of Pharmacy and language departments

She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband; one son and his spouse, Robert

Hutson and Dee Thomas Cowan of Cordova, Tenn.; a daughter and her spouse, Carol and Edward Goldberg of Norwich, Conn.; two brothers-in-law, Bill Vann of Kerrville and Arthur Arnold of Trinity; and a number of nieces and nephews in Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that contributions be made to the American Lung Association, 61 Broadway, NY, NY 10006; The Nature Conservancy, 4245 North Fairfax Drive Suite 100, Arlington, Va.; or the Storrs Congregational Church in Storrs, Conn.

Potter Funeral Home of Willimantic, Conn., directed the arrangements.