



Mrs. Lenora Undeen Cowan

May 23, 1932 - September 8, 2021

Mrs. Lenora Undeen Cowan, 89, of Galesburg, IL, passed away at 9:31 am on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at Marigold Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, Galesburg, IL.

Lenora was born on May 23, 1932 in Conway, AR to William and Teadie (Stephens) Mattison. She married the love of her life, Frederick Roy Cowan, Sr. They enjoyed 70 years of marriage.

Lenora formerly worked at Gale Manufacturing as a laborer and at St. Mary's Hospital in Hospitality.

Lenora leaves to cherish her most precious memory her loving and devoted husband, Frederick Roy Cowan, Sr., of Galesburg, IL; one son, Frederick Cornelius Cowan, Jr., of Galesburg, IL; one daughter, Barbara Anne (Lawrence "Larry") Gayles of Peoria, IL; two sisters, her twin, Elnora Aileen Cowan of Moreno Valley, CA and Ana Melveta Richard of Texas; 7 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; 3 great-greatgrandchildren; and of host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Rosal Alexander Mattison, William Barrington Mattison, Columbus Edward Mattison; three sisters, Eddie Carline Nathaniel, Artie Bernice Wesley and Laura Ella Jones.

Private funeral services will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Bethesda M.B. Church, 210 S. Whitesboro St., Galesburg, IL 61401 with a visitation at 11 am. Pastor Toby Carlos will officiate. Lenora will be laid to rest at East Linwood Cemetery, 1854 W. Main St., Galesburg, IL 61401.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services

**In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

**It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Cemetery Details

East Linwood Cemetery

1854 W, Main St.
Galesburg, IL 61401
(309) 345-3644

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethesda Baptist Church
210 S Whitesboro St,
Galesburg , IL 61401

Private Funeral Service

SEP **15**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bethesda Baptist Church
210 S Whitesboro St
Galesburg, IL 61401

Tribute Wall



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“ *Mrs. Lenora Undeen Cowan*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Lenora Undeen Cowan*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



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“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Mrs. Lenora Undeen Cowan*.



September 14, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Mrs. Lenora Undeen Cowan*.



September 13, 2021 at 03:16 PM

AN

“ I'll never forget the long walks that aunt Lenora and I took all around town. We would talk, laugh and share. It was a time I looked forward to with her. Of course, I'm forever grateful for those amazing recipes she shared with me for pocket book rolls and rum cake. I've made them both many times, she was a great cook! Much love to my family during this difficult time. God's peace, blessings and love to you all! ❤️ Annette

Annette - September 11, 2021 at 03:27 PM

AN

“ I'll never forget all the long walks aunt Lenora and I would take all around town. We had such a good time on those walks, laughing and sharing. Those pocket book rolls and rum cake recipes that she shared are still in my possession. I've made them many times. She was a great cook! Much love to my family. God's peace and blessings! ❤️ Annette

Annette - September 11, 2021 at 03:20 PM

BC

“ Mrs. Cowan aka Ms. Yo was so beautiful, inside and out, I cherish the times we got to talk, I felt comfortable discussing everything with her. She'll always have a special place in my heart, I loved her very much. RIH
Beather Cannon
Greenwood, MS./Peoria, IL
Formally



Beather Cannon - September 10, 2021 at 06:58 AM

OJ

Mrs Cowan was such a beautiful soul; I remember the first time I met her at Bethesda over about 15 years ago. My dear friend Mrs Louise Calender guided me to where Mrs Cowan was seated in the church pew and she said "sit here with me dear," and I did. She made me feel right at home in that church. That hospitality always made me feel welcome whenever I saw this special lady. I will miss her dearly. Take you rest with the Lord Mrs Cowan. Love 💕💕 Odette Jackson

Odette Jackson - September 12, 2021 at 08:14 AM

EC

I will always remember times we had growing up in Conway AR. I supported your in all the sports activities you were in. You were truly a great sister. As we grew with our own families we were unable to spend a lot of time together. I will miss our telephone conversations weekly. RIP Lee. Love you, keep in touch as one day we will be together again. Your twin sister, Elnora Cowan

Elnora Cowan - September 12, 2021 at 03:08 PM

AD

Mrs. Cowan was special to everyone who came in contact with her. She had a spirit that was always welcoming. She was a great friend to my Aunt Martha Carpenter, and a wonderful neighbor to my Mother-in-law, Nadine Taylor. She will be truly missed by her church and community.

Adrian Duckworth - September 13, 2021 at 10:01 PM