

Dorothy B. Lee (- 16 Nov 1972)

Lee. On Thursday, November 16, 1972 at her residence, 1542 Newark street n.w., Dorothy B. Lee. Memorial services will be held at her residence, Sunday, November 19 at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, kindly send donations to the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association, Stratford Hall, Stratford, Va., 22558.

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Dorothy Vandegrift Lee; Longtime D.C. Civic Leader

Dorothy Vandegrift Lee, 85, who had been active in conservation and civic associations here for many years, died yesterday at her home, "Lee Haven," on Newark Street N.W.

Her late husband, Cazenove Gardner Lee, a genealogist who died in 1945; founded the Society of Lees of Virginia. Mrs. Lee was one of the first directors of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Foundation (now Association) which raised funds to restore Stratford Hall, the Lee birthplace in Virginia.

Mrs. Lee had her husband's "Lee Chronicle" published in 1957. She gave his historical books and papers to the Alexandria Library.

Born in Wilmington, Del., she was a graduate of Vassar College. She provided storage space in her basement for many of the books collected for the Vassar book sales here.

For many years Mrs. Lee was a trustee of the National Parks and Conservation Association. She also had been an honorary vice president of the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Middle Atlantic States and a member of the Wilderness Society and Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Six years ago, she was a delegate to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature held in Kenya.

A member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the historical societies of Virginia and Delaware, Mrs. Lee was a former member of the Committee of 100 on the Federal City.

Mrs. Lee led a drive to raise funds for building the Cleveland Park Library, was active in the Cleveland Park Citizens Association and edited the booklet, "Cleveland Park."

She leaves two sons, Richard H. and Lewis V., of Greenwich, Conn.; a daughter, Mrs. Walter Mahony of Bedford, N.Y.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m., Sunday at the home, 3542 Newark St., N.W. The family suggests expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association, Stratford Hall, Stratford, Va.