



# Lane Allison Ford Smart

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**L**ane Allison Ford Smart passed away at her Covington home on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the age of 77.

Born on March 4, 1938 in New Orleans to Beatrice and Homer Lane Ford. Upon graduating from Fortier High School she went on to study violin and voice at Louisiana State University. In 1957, Lane met Bill Smart at his parents' house in New Orleans during his sister Lucile's wedding shower. They married shortly after in 1958, and settled in Covington. Together they raised four children and were well known residents of Covington. Bill passed away in 1996, after a battle with cancer through which Lane was at his side.

Lane worked part time with Bill in his company for many years, and after Bill's death worked full time until 2005 with their son Will. She also had a shop on Lee Lane in the 80's.

Lane was known for her warmth and welcoming spirit. Her home was always filled with family, friends, and friends of friends. She was a great lover of music, gardening and cooking with family. She loved the LSU Tigers and the Saints and was thrilled to see them win the Super Bowl.

Lane is survived by four children and eleven grandchildren: Elizabeth Lane Smart Schwoboda (husband Paul Schwoboda) and children Matthew Paul Schwoboda and Allison Graham Schwoboda; William Graham Smart (wife Martha Tschimperle Smart), children Graham Tschimperle Smart and Lucile DeLauriers Smart); Thomas Ford Smart (wife Emily Fettig Smart), children Madeline Jewell Smart, William Theodore Smart, Adam Thomas Smart, Charles Lohmeier Smart; Ellen Lucile Smart Dice (husband Andy Dice), children John Alexander Dice, Nathan William Dice, Allison Elizabeth Dice).

Lane volunteered in a program at Lion Elementary in Covington to help teach young students how to read. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Lane's name to STAIR (Start The Adventure In Reading), a volunteer-based, non-profit children's literacy organization that provides free reading tutors for 1st through 3rd grade students from participating public schools in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany and Plaquemines parishes, [www.stairnola.org](http://www.stairnola.org).



## Obituary

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Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at Covington Presbyterian, 222 Jefferson St., Covington, LA 70433 on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 4:00 PM with visitation at church on Wednesday beginning at 3:00 PM. Interment will follow in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens.



# Events

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## Visitation

- Wednesday**, April 29, 2015
- 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT
- Covington Presbyterian**  
222 S. Jefferson Street, Covington LA 70433



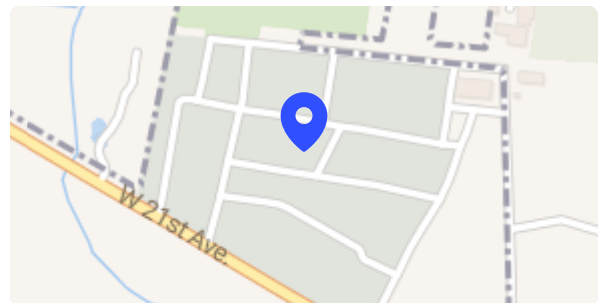
## Funeral Services

- Wednesday**, April 29, 2015
- 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM CT
- Covington Presbyterian**  
222 S. Jefferson Street, Covington LA 70433



## Cemetery Details

- Pinecrest Memorial Gardens & Crematory**  
2280 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433
- (985) 892-5007**





## Tribute Wall

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MH

**Marcel Haik** posted:

Mrs. Smart was a wonderful person. She always treated me like family. She will be greatly missed.

April 29 at 7:52 AM

TS

**Tess L. Schutte** posted:

I was truly saddened to learn of Laney's passing. We were best friends in 7th and 8th grades at Lafayette School and shared lots of good times. We lost touch in high school, but I had hoped to reconnect with Laney at Fortier High's reunion this month for the class of 1955. Unfortunately, that was not to be. Please accept my heartfelt condolences to family and friends. May cherished memories and the assurance that she is in her heavenly home be of comfort to all. Tess Lansing Schutte Fortier High School '55

April 29 at 6:17 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Smart family.



April 29 at 3:11 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Smart family.



April 28 at 2:33 AM

MP

**Mary Pace** posted:

I only knew a little of Lane through what Ellen shared but, know she must have been wonderful to have had such a precious daughter! I know she will be dearly missed but rejoice with you all in knowing that she is with Jesus and that you will all see her again one day! So thankful for her and the contributions she made to the HUGE heart of my dear friend Ellen! Praying for you all this week!

April 27 at 5:04 PM



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TR

**Tom Reed** posted:

Wonderful woman! Her and Bill always made me feel at home when I visited on business trips. My condolences to Will and the rest of the family.

April 26 at 12:38 PM

LL

**Lane Allison Seibert Larson** posted:

In 2007 and 2008 I spent one week every month with Aunt Laney. I absolutely loved visiting with her! Her home was like a little slice of heaven. One Sunday I was reading the Macy's ads and saw a beautiful Austrian crystal necklace similar to one I had years ago. I said, "Look Aunt Laney at this beautiful necklace!" She gave me "the look" and said "Lane Allison you're not going shopping again...are you?" I looked at her and said, "No I so don't need anymore jewelry, but I love Austrian crystals." Well a couple of months later we went to a baby shower together and after the shower she handed me a bag from Belk that she picked up for me. I looked in the bag and saw a pretty blue velvet box. I opened it up and inside was a gorgeous Austrian crystal necklace. I just looked at her confused and asked, "What's this?" She said they were for me and I told her that I couldn't accept them. She then said, "Yes you can. They were your grandmother's and I know how much you love Austrian crystals. I want you to have them." I gave her a big ole hug and thanked her over and over. That my friends is who my Aunt Laney was.....a kind loving generous lady who is loved by so many people. I'm sending my love hugs and lots of prayers to her children and grandchildren. Rest in peace Aunt Laney. I will love you forever and always. ❤️

April 25 at 6:59 PM

LL

**Lane Allison Seibert Larson** posted:

Aunt Laney was so much more than just my aunt. She was my second mom, my rock, my bestie, my confidant and my go to person for almost everything. She was simply amazing and taught me so much about life. Aunt Laney was probably one of the few people who tolerated my special kind of crazy and even better than that she loved me unconditionally. I am so blessed to have had such a beautiful soul in my life. I'm so grateful that I have so many wonderful memories of her. Dance with the angels Aunt Laney. I will love you until the end of time. ❤️

April 25 at 6:27 PM



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EL

**Elke** posted:

Though I don't know Mrs. Smart, I know Ellen, so I am sure Mrs. Smart is a gem! Our family sends our love to the Smart family~ you will all be in our prayers as you celebrate her life. Reading the memories here are precious...know the family treasures them!

April 25 at 4:28 PM

SM

**Steve Morris** posted:

Besides my own home, I remember spending more time at the Smart's home than anywhere else during my high school years. Mrs. Smart was always great with us all and tolerated my particular brand of crazy. The fellowship and food was always great, along with many laughs. I am sure glad I knew her and that she was part of my formative years.

April 25 at 3:40 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Smart family.



April 25 at 12:43 PM

RL

**Ruth Hoffman-Lach** posted:

I always loved driving up to the Smart house, letting myself in through the kitchen. Mama Smart never even blinked, just acted like of course I belonged there. She was one of the few people I let call me "Ruthie" because, well, because she just could. She taught me about being gracious and making people feel at home just by doing her thing and loving on whoever walked in the door. Teenagers can't get enough of that kind of love. It's such a stressful time in life -- and the more other mothers there are, the better the chances of survival. Lane was an other mother to countless awkward, pimple-ridden, hungry teens -- she always fed us, of course. Sending all my love to all of you who loved her, too. I'm sure she's already got her arm around some wandering soul, reassuring him or her....

April 25 at 12:02 PM

ST

**Sara Tschimperle** posted:

Lane was so always so gracious and had a great smile. I loved visiting with her when we came to Covington! Smart Family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Jim and Sara Tschimperle Culley

April 25 at 3:09 AM



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**Kathy Healy** posted:

What a sweet caring lady. Always had that smile which seemed to make her eyes twinkle. My husband Tom Healy had the pleasure of designing their home and our friendship blossomed afterwards. She was always the perfect hostess! She was so proud of all her family. I was happy to call her my friend my friend. Love and prayers to all.

April 24 at 1:50 PM



**Bob Mueller** April 27 at 7:54 AM

Lane was always fun to be around. Always had a smile. We visited their home many times and it was always interesting around meal time to see who was actually doing the cooking, Bill or Lane. I suspect she just let him think he was in charge. Joyce and I vacationed several times with Bill & Lane including some charters in the Virgin Islands. These trips were one of the highlights of our cruising life. On one trip Lane & I did the shopping. She picked out all the food and it filled one cart. I picked out the wine etc and it filled a second cart. She looked at it with a raised eyebrow and commented it seemed like a lot. I said just trust me. As I recall, we finished the last bottle of wine as we turned the boat back in. She will be missed. Bob Mueller



**Ellen Dice** April 25 at 10:54 AM

Thanks, Kathy! We remember you both so fondly! And that house is very much loved by our whole family.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Lane Allison by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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