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Sara Hines, Conservationist

Mrs. Sara Naill Hines, of 1396 Carr, founder and board member of Citizens to Preserve Overton Park, and active leader in conservation in Memphis, died at 10:25 a.m. yesterday at her home. She was 62.

"She was totally dedicated and very interested in the city of Memphis," said her daughter.

Mrs. Hines helped found the citizens group in 1964, which has fought to protect the park from the I-40 expressway route.

"She became involved in ecology before the word became fashionable," her daughter said.

Mrs. Hines often spoke and delivered reports at meetings and public hearings on the controversial expressway route through the park.

Although she opposed the expressway through the park, she pressed for completion of the I-240 perimeter around the city.

A graduate of Hutchison School, Mrs. Hines attended Southwestern and long was concerned with preservation of the inner city.

Her family had lived in Memphis for generations, her great-grandfather being Judge Sylvester Bailey, first mayor of South Memphis, which later became part of Memphis. Her father, Millard Naill, was active in the development of downtown Memphis and helped establish the old Memphis Normal School in 1912,



Mrs. Hines

which is now Memphis State University.

Mrs. Hines was a member of the National Wildlife Federation, the Audubon Society, the Environmental Action Council of Memphis, and the Sierra Club.

She was a member of Second Presbyterian Church.

She leaves her husband, John C. Hines; a son, John C. Hines Jr., a sophomore at Vanderbilt University in Nashville; two daughters, Sally Hines of Boston and Kay Hines of New York City; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Willing of Fort Worth, Tex., and Mrs. Evelyn N. Ransom of New Orleans; and a brother, John M. Naill of Fort Worth.

Forest Hill Funeral Home Midtown has charge.