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\*\*\*\* UT Southwestern to receive  
\$3 million bequest from Shannon estate.

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas has been honored with a bequest exceeding \$3 million from the estate of Mrs. Mary Lucile "Cile" Shannon. The gift, for the purpose of establishing a distinguished chair in surgery, will be administered by the Southwestern Medical Foundation.

The proposed chair will be held by the chairman of the surgery department and is expected to be named the Hall and Mary Lucile Shannon Distinguished Chair in Surgery, pending approval by the UT Board of Regents. Funds from the Shannon estate will supplement the surgery chairman's salary, support related research and clerical assistance, and purchase needed equipment and supplies, said Charles C. Sprague, M.D., the foundation's chairman of the board.

Mrs. Shannon died Apr. 29, 1988, after a lengthy illness. She was 93. In addition to her gift to medicine, she left a generous gift to the Dallas Opera, which Mrs. Shannon had supported actively for many years.

Her interest in medical affairs came naturally. Hall Shannon, M.D., her husband, was a well-known Dallas surgeon for decades. From 1919 until his retirement in 1959, he practiced on the surgery staff

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of Baylor University Medical Center. Concurrently, he served as medical director and board member for Gulf States Life Insurance Company, which later merged with Southland Life Insurance Co. He became honorary medical director in 1964 and remained so until his death in 1968.

Dr. Shannon became a key architect in Dallas' rise to excellence in medical research, clinical care and teaching when he joined Edward H. Cary, M.D., Karl Hoblitzelle and E.R. Brown in 1939 in founding Southwestern Medical Foundation. The foundation, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary in early November, established Southwestern Medical School four years later.

Mrs. Shannon attended Baylor Nursing School in Dallas and complemented her husband's professional interests with her own civic work. She served as president of the Dallas County Medical Society Auxiliary and was an organizer of the Visiting Nurse Association.

In leaving her estate to Southwestern Medical Foundation, Mrs. Shannon "wanted a memorial that would be used," said Mrs. Shannon's niece, Mrs. Elizabeth Francis. Mrs. Francis' husband, J. Darrell, is currently a trustee of Southwestern Medical Foundation as well as co-executor of Mrs. Shannon's estate.

The Shannons were members of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, the Dallas Country Club and Brook Hollow Golf Club.

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Note: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.