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Helen (Waichen) Rogow of Boca Raton, FL, and **Avon**, died Sunday, (April 15, 2001). Born in **Hartford**, she was the daughter of the late Victor and Anna Waichen. She was the widow of Louis B. Rogow, well-known philanthropist and former owner of The Birken Company of **Bloomfield**. After the death of Mr. Rogow in 1991, Mrs. Rogow became a philanthropist in her own right endowing the Chair in cancer research at the University of Connecticut Medical Center and endowing the Visitors Lecture Series and Scholarship Fund at the University of Hartford. In recent years she became active in many religious charities and funded the new Rogow Middle School at the Solomon Schechter Day School in **West Hartford**. Before Mr. Rogow's death, Mr. and Mrs. Rogow toured the world and became very involved with the survival of Israel, making 35 trips beginning just prior to the Six-Day War. Mr. and Mrs. Rogow received countless awards and tributes for their work and support of the State of Israel. Mrs. Rogow was a member of Tumblebrook Country Club. She leaves her sister, Sylvia Bean of Vernon; and nieces, Sharon Clark and Evelyn Custer; nephews, Robert Songailo and Richard Songailo; grandnieces, Lorna Clark, Heather Clark, and Helen Abrahamson. She also leaves her nieces and nephews, Sidney and Beatrice Greenberg of West Hartford, Bruce and Jackie Rogow of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and Hollis Schneider of West Hartford; and many great nieces and nephews and their children. Funeral services will be held Friday, April 20, 10 a.m., at St. Bridget Church, 80 Main Street, **Manchester**, with internment at St. Bridget Cemetery, Manchester. Calling hours will be held in the church prior to the funeral, Friday, 9 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the UConn Medical Center Cancer Fund, Farmington, CT 06082 or the University of Hartford General Scholarship Fund, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117.

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