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KERN, Elsie Mahanes, 91, of Richmond, widow of Ellis L. Kern Sr., died January 17, 2010. She is survived by her sons, Robert Louis Kern and wife, Gale, and Ellis L. Kern Jr. and wife, Gloria; six grandchildren, Tracy Anderson, Shelly Flowers, Lee Kern III, Matthew Kern and his wife, Kim, Joel Kern and Audrey Kern; four great-grandchildren; one niece, Missy York; and nephew, Cary McDaniel. Elsie was a lifetime judge and clinician with the Virginia Council of Garden Clubs and was well known as "The Bow Lady" at Ben Franklin Crafts in the Beverly Hills Shopping Center where she was employed for many years. She was currently a member at Ridge Baptist Church, and was an organist and chorus director for several local churches for over 73 years. The family will receive friends 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bliley's-Staples Mill, 8510 Staples Mill Road. A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Forest Lawn Cemetery.



could be resuscitated by the federal stimulus act and buttressed by a new state law that helps development projects that have been affected by the national recession.

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