

Dr. Bridgham Dies, Services Friday

8/19/67

Dr. John Merrill Bridgham, 85, professor emeritus of classical languages at Grinnell College, died Saturday evening in a local hospital after several months of failing health.

Dr. Bridgham was born in Dexter, Me., March 25, 1882, the son of Levi and Fannie Bradbury Bridgham. He received his B.A. degree in 1904 from Bowdoin College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and his M.A. in 1905 from Dartmouth College. After a year's study at the University of Chicago, he completed his Ph.D. degree in 1913 at the University of Wisconsin.

He taught Greek and Latin for 45 years, beginning at the Groton School in Connecticut. He came to Iowa in 1918, as professor of Latin at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, and joined the Grinnell faculty in 1926. Earlier he had taught at Bowdoin, Ripon College, LaCrosse (Wis.) State Teachers College, and the University of Washington. Although he became professor emeritus at Grinnell in 1947, he continued to teach part time until 1950.

Mrs. Bridgham, who died in the fall of 1965, was the former Miriam Low, a 1907 Grinnell graduate whom he met while both were doing graduate work at the University of Chicago. They were married in 1910.

Surviving are the Bridghams' four sons, all of whom are graduates of Grinnell College—David M., of Boston, Mass.; John F., of Benton Harbor, Mich.; Paul E., of St. Joseph, Mich.; and Philip L., of Rockville, Md. There are nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Funeral services for Dr. Bridgham will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at the United Church of Christ (Congregational) with the Rev. Newell E. Davis, minister of the church, officiating. Burial will be made in Hazelwood cemetery. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

Bridgham Funeral Set For Friday

8/25/67

Funeral services for John Merrill Bridgham, 85, professor emeritus at Grinnell College, will be held tomorrow (Friday) at the United Church of Christ (Congregational) in Grinnell. Services will begin at 3 p.m. with the Rev. Newell E. Davis officiating.

Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heffner, and interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Honorary casket bearers will include Henry Alden, George Allbe, Ed Bartachek, Russell Clayton, Avery Gile, Jim Goodrich, Dr. K. L. Hoefert, Waldo Johnson, Geo. Lafranz, Vern Matson, F. L. McLain, Harry Mill, Raymond Selle, and Howard Windsor — all members of the Grinnell Stamp Club.

Casket bearers will be Judson Blakely, Lester Duke, Grant Gale, Charles Kaufman, Wilbur Molison and William McKibben.

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