

Monday, October 18, 1965

Miriam Bridgham Succumbs Friday, Services Today

Mrs. Miriam Low Bridgham, age 81, the wife of Professor John M. Bridgham of 1221 Park Street, passed away Friday morning at a local hospital following 10 days hospitalization.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. today (Monday) at the Grinnell Congregational church with the Rev. Newell E. Davis, pastor, officiating. Burial was made in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Organist was Elbert Smith. Pallbearers were Judson Blakely, John Burma, Lester Duke, Grant Gale, Norman Goodbrod and Wilbur Molison.

The daughter of Charles G. and Ida Barth Low, she was born in Burlington, Iowa, on August 6, 1884. She attended the Burlington schools and graduated from Grinnell College with the Class of 1907. After receiving her Master's Degree in Greek from the University of Chicago in 1908, she taught at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., for a year and at Grinnell College for a year.

On June 18, 1910, she was united in marriage with John M. Bridgham at her family home in Burlington. To this union were born 4 sons: David M. Bridgham of Boston, Mass.; John F. Bridgham of Benton Harbor, Mich.; Paul E. Bridgham of St. Joseph, Mich.; and Philip L. Bridgham of Rockville, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridgham made their home at Ripon, Wis., for a year and at Seattle, Wash., also for a year, while Professor Bridgham was associated with the faculty of Ripon College and the University of Washington. They returned to Wisconsin where he taught at LaCrosse State Teachers College. In 1918 they moved to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where he was on the faculty of Cornell College for eight years. In 1926 they moved to Grinnell where they have since made their home, and where Professor Bridgham served as head of the Department of Classical Languages at Grinnell College until 1947.

Mrs. Bridgham was a member of the Congregational church in Grinnell, the Tuesday Club, the Historical and Literary Club, and the Grinnell Museum Society of which she was recording secretary. She is survived by her husband John; her four sons; and nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.