

H-R September 29, 1983
Rites Friday for Dr. Cole

MS Florence B. Cole, 75, of Clearwater, Fla., formerly of Grinnell, died at her home Monday, Sept. 26.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Keith Briggs of the First Friends Church officiating. Pallbearers will be Marvin Cummings, Claire Hutchison, Dave Hutchison, John Hutchison, James Robison, and Leonard Robison. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Visitation will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

The daughter of Charles LeRoy and Jessie Robison Cole, she was born April 1, 1908, in Grinnell. She attended Grinnell schools, graduated from Grinnell High School in 1926.

She received her B.A. degree from Grinnell College in 1938, a master's degree from Columbia University in 1939 and a Ph.D. in physical education from New York University in 1944.

Dr. Cole had been associated with the YWCA in Newton, as

well as the Jane Addams Hull House in Chicago.

She taught at Morningside College in Sioux City, East Tennessee State University in Johnson City and at Florida State University in Tallahassee, retiring as professor emeritus in 1972.

She was the co-author of two books on physical education and held membership in several professional societies, among them Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Kappa Delta, and Delta Zeta. Dr. Cole also was a member of the board of directors of the Leon County (Fla.) Easter Seal Society, serving one term as president, the Florida Humane Society and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. She was also a patron of the Seabird Sanctuary. During World War II, she served in the Women's Army Corps.

There are no immediate survivors, although a former member of the Cole household, Rosemary Hutchison, lives in Malcom.

Dr. Cole was preceded in death by her parents and a brother and sister in infancy.