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Otto DeHart, College Cook, Dies Friday

Otto Ward DeHart, cook at Grinnell college and in the community for a quarter of a century, died at a local hospital Friday, April 1, following an illness of several months. He was 53 years old.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Smith Funeral Home with Rev. John DeLong officiating. Burial was at Hazelwood cemetery.

Native of Fairbanks, Ind., where he was born August 8, 1901, Mr. DeHart was the son of Theodore W. and Tabitha Ellen Drake DeHart. He was married September 17, 1924 at Newton, Ia., to Maie Ziska.

Mr. DeHart came to Grinnell 28 years ago and had spent most of his life here employed as a cook, mostly at Grinnell college.

Surviving are his father, Theodore DeHart; his wife, Maie; two daughters, Colleen and Billee; a son, Craig; four grand children; and two sisters, Mrs. C. T. Hotchkin of Kellogg and Mrs. R. B. Adair of Enumclaw, Wash.

At the final rites, Mrs. Rhee Auman was organist and Norma Gifford, flower bearer. Casket bearers were Ray Frazier, Pershing Gooselaw, Robert Lear, Virgil Matteson, Elmer Ryals and Charles Wright.