

Former area physician dies

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Private services were held Feb. 3 for Dr. Lewis A. Hopkins, 91, of Santa Barbara, Calif., who died Feb. 1 in Santa Barbara after a lengthy illness.

He was born in North Bend, Neb., on Dec. 31, 1884. He received his bachelor of science degree in 1909 from Grinnell College and his medical degree from Rush Medical School in 1915. He served during World War I, and after the war he began his medical practice at the Grinnell Clinic here until 1923. At that time he and his family moved to Tacoma, Wash., where he practiced until his retirement in 1958.

While in Tacoma, he was on the editorial staff of Northwest Medicine Medical Journal. He was editor of the Pierce County Medical Bulletin in 1950 and was a past president of the Pierce County Medical Society. He was voted "Doctor of the Year" for the state of Washington in 1955.

His wife was the former Bess Herrington whom he married in Grinnell in 1914. She died in Santa Barbara Jan. 11, 1971.

Dr. Hopkins is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Blayne Link of Mendocino, Calif., and Mrs. Robert C. Thorburn of Ital; a son, Lewis A. Hopkins, Jr. of Kennewick, Wash.; and a brother, John E. Hopkins of Portland, Ore.