

Mary Howard

Mary Whittaker Howard, 81, of Seattle, Wash., formerly of Grinnell, died June 20 from complications of a stroke.

The body was cremated. A service was conducted at Bleitz Funeral Home in Seattle.

She was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. Her family moved to Grinnell when she was a small child. She attended school here.

In Fairbanks, Alaska, she served for many years as director of the U.S. Geological Survey's Map Division. During the 1967 flood she received a commendation for producing maps that monitored crest levels, helping create corridors for transporting rescue and supplies.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Lowell Howard, and a sister, Lela Whittaker Gidner.

Surviving are a brother, Harry Whittaker of Yakima, Wash.; one son, William; two daughters, Mary Dora of Snohomish, Wash., and Pattie Skondovitch of Fairbanks, Alaska; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell College.

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