

Leedice I. Kissane

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Leedice I. Kissane, 94, of Mayflower died Sunday, Jan. 30, at Mayflower Health Care Center of heart failure.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 19, at 3 p.m. in Carman Center at Mayflower. Burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery in Pocatello, Idaho. There will be no visitation. Memorials in her name may be made to Mayflower Human Needs Fund or to First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell and sent to Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell.

She was born May 26, 1905, in Denison to Jefferson and Minnie Bigler McAnelly. She attended public schools in Sibley and Spencer and graduated from Cornell College in Mount Vernon in 1926 after being elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She earned the master's degree from the University of Idaho in 1937 and the doctor of philosophy degree in American studies from the University of Minnesota in 1965. She taught in the public schools in Pocatello and at Idaho State University where she established and was director of the program in American studies until her retirement in 1970. From 1971 to 1973 she was a Fulbright lecturer at the National University of Iceland in Reykjavik. The author of a major critical study of the Iowa author Ruth Suckow, she was founder and president of the Ruth Suckow Society.

She is survived by two sons, Dr. John M. Kissane, St. Louis, Mo., and James Kissane, Athens, Ga.; one daughter Esther Hodgkinson, Chesterland, Ohio; 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald P. Kissane. 7- R

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