

Rites Friday For Dr. Leary

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Dr. Bernice Leary, 82, a resident of the Mayflower Home for the past six years, died Tuesday at the Mayflower Health Center.

The daughter of James and Josephine Leary, she was born Aug. 19, 1890, at Ionia, Iowa. After her graduation from the Riceville High School, she continued her education at the University of Chicago and received her doctorate degree in education.

Survivors include one sister, Iva Leary of the Mayflower Home; her niece, Alma Lundgreen of Florida; and a cousin, Kenneth Meyer of Blue Earth, Minn.

Services for Dr. Leary will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Denison Chapel in the Mayflower Home, with the Rev. Newell E. Davis officiating.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Riverside Cemetery in Riceville, Iowa.

The James-Schalinske Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Graveside services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Riverside Cemetery in Riceville, Iowa. The James-Schalinske Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born in Ionia, Iowa, she spent her early childhood in Riceville. She earned her Ph.D., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Chicago. Dr. Leary taught at regular and summer sessions in many

American universities, among them the University of Chicago, the University of Wisconsin, and Northwestern University. She conducted many workshops in reading throughout the country.

Dr. Leary was well known for her "Survey in Reading." She had many publications to her credit and was best known for "What Makes a Book Readable," written jointly with Dr. William S. Gray. She was a member of the editorial staffs of many publishing companies, among them Prentice Hall Company, E.M. Hale and Company, and J.B. Lippincott Company. She was a member of several honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Lambda Theta, Phi Delta Gamma, the Altrusa Club of Madison, the American Association of University Women, the Literary Club, and the National League of American Pen Women.

Dr. Leary was in the service of the U.S. government as a senior specialist in elementary education in Germany, Thailand, India, and the Philippines. She was instrumental in setting up the educational system in Thailand. A curriculum consultant for the Madison Wis.,

public schools from 1942 to 1955. Dr. Leary also served as chairman of the editorial board of Cadmus Publishing Co. from 1945 to 1967. While living in Webster City, she gave much of her time as a Gray Lady at the Hamilton County Hospital and to other organizations involving children.

Survivors include her sister, Iva M. of the Mayflower Home; a niece, Mrs. Floyd (Elma) Lundgren of Sarasota, Fla.; and a cousin, Kenneth Meyer of Blue Earth Minn. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mrs. Frank Webb.

Dr. Leary was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational here.