David W. MacEachron

A Grinnell native and Grinnell College graduate who went on to head the Japan Society died of cancer Saturday, Jan. 13, at his home in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.

David W. MacEachron, 66, whose father was dean of men at Grinnell College and whose mother was an English teacher at Roosevelt High School in Des Moines, served first as executive director, then president of the Japan Society, a non-profit organization which advances understanding between the U.S. and Japan.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; a son, Daniel of New Canaan, Conn.; two daughters, Susan Patrick of New York City and Laura O'Callaghan of Baltimore; two brothers, Lendrum of St. Paul, Minn., and John of Glendale, Calif.; and two granddaughters.

A memorial service was conducted Thursday at the Japan Society in New York City.