

Willis Macy Rites Monday At Lynnville

Funeral Services for Dr. Willis Macy Held; Died at Boston Friday, August 10

BRILLIANT CAREER CUT SHORT AT AGE OF 32

Was Former Lynnville Resident and Well Known in Grinnell; Colitis Cause of Death

Funeral services for Dr. J. Willis Macy, 32 years of age, were held at the Friends church at Lynnville Monday afternoon. Dr. Macy, former Lynnville resident, and later of the Lahey Clinic in Boston, Mass., died Friday following a two weeks attack of colitis. With him during his illness was Miss Frances Lohbauer of Madison, Wis., whom he was to have married Sept. 22. His father, C. O. Macy, was also with him during his illness and his two brothers, Carrol Macy of Sully, and Ward Macy of Cedar Rapids, arrived in Boston two hours before his death.

Dr. Macy was a graduate of Grinnell College and the University of Iowa, taking his internship at San Francisco. He was then at Parkersburg, and later worked at the Mayo Brothers Clinic at Rochester, before going to Boston.

Rev. Richard Newby of Des Moines was in charge of the services Monday, assisted by Rev. Giles Youngquist of Lynnville, and a former pastor, Rev. Willard Reynolds of West Branch. Professor John Gannaway paid tribute to Dr. Macy, and Dr. J. Stewart McQuiston of Cedar Rapids spoke in appreciation of the work done by Dr. Macy at Rochester.

Music was furnished by Rev. Willard Reynolds and Mrs. Harvey Gause, who sang a duet, "In the Garden." Rev. Verne Butler of Sully also sang a solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple."

Pallbearers were Dr. John R. Meade, Dr. Charles Drenckhahn, William Herbrechtsmeyer, Dr. P. H. Imes and Dr. M. H. Povers, all of Rochester, Minn., and Dr. J. Stewart McQuiston of Cedar Rapids.

Burial was in the Woodland cemetery by the side of his mother.

Relatives from a distance were Judge and Mrs. Miles Newby of Onawa; Mrs. Minnie Parker of Knightstown, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Macy of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Macy of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hollingsworth of California; Mrs. Anna T. Macy of Iowa City; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Vorelius of Denison; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Whitehill of Marshalltown; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Winter of Pella; Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Ackerman of Fremont; Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Lloyd of Washington, Ia.

John Willis Macy, youngest son of Charles O. and Anna Newby

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Macy, was born in Lynnville, Ia., December 15, 1901, and departed this life on August 10, 1934, at the New England Baptist hospital, Boston, Mass., at the age of thirty-two.

As a youth in Lynnville Willis attended the local schools, graduating from the high school with the class of 1917. At the age of fifteen he entered Grinnell College and received his Bachelor's degree in 1922 after having spent one year at home during the period of the war. The next two years he served as principal of the local high school, contributing in a generous way his many talents to the community he loved. During these years as a teacher he made his decision to enter the field of medicine. Four years later, in 1928, he received his doctor of medicine degree from the State University of Iowa. His internship was spent at the City and County hospital in San Francisco, upon completion of which he devoted a year and a half to general medical practice in Parkersburg, Ia., leaving there to accept a three year fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. As a result of research work done at the Mayo Clinic, he was asked to present a paper before a division of the American Medical Association in session at Washington, D. C., May 1933. This work led to his appointment as a member of the staff of the Lahey Clinic in Boston in the department of internal medicine where he served until the time of his last illness.

Always a brilliant student, Willis received during his short life many scholastic honors. In high school and Grinnell he maintained a constant high ranking in his class. At the University of Iowa he was elected to honorary membership in Sigma Psi, national

scientific scholarship fraternity, and into Alpha Omega Alpha, medical scholarship fraternity. Though a busy physician, he nevertheless found time to write for publications, and recently completed an article soon to appear in one of the medical professional journals. He was known also for ability and attainments in activities other than professional. At Grinnell College he was prominent in athletics, dramatics and was an inspirational student leader. At the University of Iowa he was a member of Beta Theta Pi and Nu Sigma Nu fraternities.

Willis was a birthright member of the local Friends church and was a member of the Masonic lodge. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1927, and is survived by his father and two brothers, Carrol of Sully and Ward of Cedar Rapids.

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