

Kites Today For Bethana McCandless

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College Registrar Here
Since 1925; Dies At
Home Thursday Night

Funeral services for Miss Bethana McCandless, 59, Grinnell college registrar since 1925, were held this (Monday) afternoon in Herrick Chapel at the college.

Sheldon Service

Another service is tentatively



Bethana McCandless

scheduled for Tuesday after noon at Sheldon, Ia., where she was born and grew up. Interment will be at Sheldon.

Miss McCandless, who also served as secretary of the college faculty, died suddenly early Thursday evening at her home, the home she had shared for a long period of years with Miss Evelyn Gardner, dean of women at the college. She had appeared to be in her customary good health until the moment

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of the cerebral hemorrhage which instantly ended her life long devoted service of her college and community.

Miss Services

In a statement made soon after receiving word of her death, Grinnell President Howard R. Bowen said, "Her faculty colleagues and more than eight generations of students to whom she was registrar and counselor will be deeply sad

society.

Various Activities

She served as secretary to the Ladies Education society, a group organized in 1862 to give financial aid to junior and senior women, and was also an adviser of Mortar Board, senior women's honor society at the college. In 1954 she was honored with an Alumni Award.

Also active in community affairs, she was a member of the First Congregational church. She was president of the Grinnell Soroptimist club, service organization for business women, and was a director at the time of her death. She was also a member and past president of Chapter JB, P.E.O. Sisterhood, and was regent of Grinnell chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Returned From Trip

Miss McCandless spent the summers of 1953 and 1955 in Europe, and she had returned only three weeks ago from a month's vacation spent with her sister, Miss Margaret McCandless, in Carmel Calif.

Only surviving close relatives are her sister, who is a 1911 graduate of the college, and one brother, Robert B. McCandless, class of 1906, of Washington, D. C.

Chapel Services

Officiating at the chapel service were the Rev. Dr. Leland W. Mann, minister of the First Congregational church, and Dr. Winston L. King, dean of the chapel at the college. Hoyle Carpenter, assistant professor of music, was the organist. Pallbearers were long-time friends and associates, Henry Alden, Norman Goodbrod, Charles L. Kaufman, Charles L. Luckenbill, and Dean of the College Homer Norton.

Miss McCandless Dies Suddenly of Cerebral Attack

Bethana McCandless, 59, registrar at Grinnell since 1925, died suddenly Aug. 23 of a cerebral



MISS McCANDLESS, 59

hemorrhage at the age of 59. She had been in her usual good health until the instant of the fatal attack.

Her service to the college, a total of 31 years including a period as assistant registrar in 1919-21, was second-longest of any present faculty or administration member at the time of her death. She was also secretary of the faculty.

President Howard R. Bowen paid tribute to her when his statement, made shortly after learning of her sudden passing:

"Her faculty colleagues and more than eight generations of students to whom she was registrar and counselor will be deeply saddened by the sudden death of Miss McCandless. Except for four years, she has served the college continuously since 1919. Her skillful and dedicated service to Grinnell will be greatly missed."

Miss McCandless was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and had been honored in 1954 with an Alumni Award.

She is survived by a sister, Margaret, 71, and a brother, Robert B., 69.

Interment was at Sheldon, where she was born and raised.

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BETHANA McCANDLESS

Bethana McCandless was born in Sheldon, Ia., June 5, 1897. She died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage, Aug. 23, 1956.

A 1919 graduate of Grinnell college, Miss McCandless had next to the longest period of service, 33 years, of any present faculty member or administrative official. She had been assistant registrar from 1919 to 1921, under Miss Mary E. Simmons, whom she succeeded in 1925 after a short period as acting registrar before Miss Simmons' death.

She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society at Grinnell college and had long been a member of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. Last May she was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma, the women educator's society.

She served as secretary to the Ladies Educational society, a group organized in 1862 to give financial aid to junior and senior women, and was also an adviser of Mortar Board, senior women's honor society at the college. In 1954, she was honored with an Alumni Award.

Also active in community affairs, she was a member of First Congregational church. She was president of the Grinnell Soroptimist club, service organization for business women, and was a director at the time of her death. She was also a member and past president of chapter JB PEO Sisterhood, and was regent of Grinnell chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Only surviving relatives are a sister, Miss Margaret McCandless of Carmel, Calif., a 1911 graduate of the college, and one brother, Robert B. McCandless, class of 1906, of Washington, D. C.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 27, at Herrick Chapel on the Grinnell college campus. Further services were held at Sheldon with burial at the Sheldon cemetery.

Officiating at the chapel services were the Rev. Dr. Leland W. Mann, minister of the First Congregational church, and Dr. Winston L. King, dean of the chapel at the college. Hoyle Carpenter, assistant professor of music, was the organist. Pallbearers were Henry Alden, Norman Goodbrod, Charles L. Kaufman, Charles L. Luckenbill, and R. Homer Norton.