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Dr. R. B. McClenon, Mathematician, Succumbs July 3



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Dr. Raymond B. McClenon, professor emeritus of mathematics at Grinnell College, died Tuesday, July 3rd, at his home in Santa Barbara, Calif. He was 79 years old.

A world-renown mathematician, Dr. McClenon joined the Grinnell faculty in 1905 and was named professor in 1918. He retired in June of 1953, the same year he received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the college.

Dr. McClenon lived in Grinnell, at 1105 Park St. until 1956 when he and his wife, Erika, who survives him, moved to California. He is also survived by a son, John R., a 1959 graduate of Grinnell, who now lives in Venice, Calif.

Born Aug. 4th, 1883 in Yankton S. D., Dr. McClenon received his B. A. degree from Yankton College in 1902 and obtained his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1905. He took additional graduate study at the University of Munich and Columbia University.

In 1945-46, he was a member of the faculty at Biarritz American University in France, while on leave from Grinnell. During the 1959-60 academic year, he was a visiting professor of mathematics at the University of Corpus Christi, Tex.

Dr. McClenon was a member and past president of the Iowa Academy of Science, a member of the American Mathematical Society, Mathematics Association of America, American Statistical Association, American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Academy of Political and Social Science and Kiwanis. He is listed in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in Education."