

Thursday, November 3, 1970

## Alice Phelps, 83, Dies At Hospital

Mrs. Alice Clarke Phelps, 83, widow of the late Louis V. Phelps, died Tuesday evening at Grinnell General Hospital after a long period of failing health.

The second daughter of Wright and Viola Jane Pratt Clarke, Alice Clarke Phelps was born Oct. 16, 1887, in Fairfield, Iowa. Her childhood was spent in Burlington where her family had moved from Fairfield. She graduated from Burlington High School in 1906 and from the College of Liberal Arts of the State University of Iowa in 1910. After graduation she taught algebra and geometry in the junior and senior high schools of Alta and Iowa Falls, Iowa, until her marriage to Louis V. Phelps in Burlington in March, 1912.

After their marriage, Mr. Phelps was a construction engineer and the couple moved frequently. Mr. Phelps became affiliated with Grinnell College in 1914, when he came to build the Women's Quad building. For the past 56 years, Mrs. Phelps had lived in Grinnell, recently at No. 4 College Park until she entered the hospital in May.

Mrs. Phelps has been active in many local organizations. She frequently substituted as a teacher of mathematics at Grinnell high school and in 1922, she was named acting dean of women for the balance of the year at Grinnell College.

Late in the 1930s, Mrs. Phelps was elected state president of the Iowa League of Women Voters. At the time of her death, she was a member of the United Church of Christ, the League of Women Voters, Attawapiskas Club, P.E.O., and Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Mrs. Phelps is survived by her daughter, Mrs. M. George Barbara Phelps Susens; two grandchildren—M. S. Richard, Edinboro of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Dr. George Susens of San Francisco; and two great grandchildren—Karl and Douglas.

Mrs. Phelps was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one sister and two brothers.

Funeral services for Mrs. Phelps will be conducted at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at the United Church of Christ Congregational with the Rev. Gerald Davis officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Grinnell League of Women Voters in care of Mr. George Anstett, 217 East St.

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