

Elbert Smith rites Tuesday

Elbert M. Smith, professor emeritus of French and music at Grinnell College, died of Alzheimer's disease Saturday morning, Dec. 20, at the Mayflower Home Health

Center.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the United Church of Christ-Congregational, with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad, pastor of



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the church, officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Melvin L. and Anna Laura Morse Smith, he was born on Dec. 12, 1901, in Waupun, Wis. He attended public schools in Elderon, Wis., and Waupun High School. He was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Lawrence College, receiving his B.A. in 1924 and his M.A. in 1926. Both degrees were in Romance languages. In 1927 he received a bachelor of music degree in organ and theory from the Lawrence Conservatory. He pursued graduate work in French at the University of Wisconsin and the Universite Laval in Quebec.

Prof. Smith studied organ both in the U.S. and Europe. He taught at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., and the University of Wisconsin before joining the Grinnell faculty in 1935 as college organist and instructor in modern foreign languages. He became professor of French and music in 1967 and retired with emeritus status in 1970.

Prof. Smith also served as the college's carillonneur and as organist at the United Church of Christ-Congregational, retiring from the latter post in 1981. He was the designer of the church's pipe organ.

He was an active member of the Iowa Chapter of the

American Guild of Organists. Prof. Smith is survived by his wife, Dierdre; one daughter, Kathleen Alice Reed of Grinnell; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother in infancy.

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services held

Funeral services for Elbert M. Smith, 85, of the Mayflower Home, who died Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Mayflower Health Care Center, were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational.

The Rev. Philip J. Ramstad officiated, and organist was Deanna Acree.

Pallbearers were Wayne B. Denny, John D. DeRooi, Ben F. Graham, F. Addison Jones, John R. Kleinschmidt, Ralph A. Luebben, John Tomasek and Gene G. Wubbels. Honorary bearers were Beryl Clotfelter, Grant Gale, Norman Goodbrod, Charles L. Kaufman, Marvin E. Kelley, Glenn Leggett and William C. Oelke.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials in Mr. Smith's name may be made to Alzheimer's disease research and left at the Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Smith was professor emeritus of French and music and was a retired organist at Grinnell College.