

## Memorial set for Mr. Ullrich

Richard G. Ullrich, 78, of 2005 Spring St., Grinnell, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at Herrick Chapel on the Grinnell College campus. The Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Richard Ullrich Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of the college.

He was the son of Christian and Mina Anderson Ullrich and was born Sept. 14, 1910, at Cedar Rapids. He was a 1927 graduate of Roosevelt High School in Des Moines where he was captain of the school's championship basketball team.

He enrolled at Grinnell College in 1929 and played football and basketball, earning honors in both. An All-Missouri Valley quarterback on the Pioneer football team, he was named to a guard position on the all-conference basketball team in his senior year. He was also president of his class at Grinnell.

Following his graduation from Grinnell in 1933, Mr. Ullrich was drafted by the Chicago Bears football team and played for one season. He later played with the Tulsa Oilers of the old American Football League and with the Des Moines Comets.

He was married to Lois Hadley June 15, 1935, at Spencer. The couple lived in various Iowa communities before moving to Grinnell. Mr. Ullrich worked at various times for the General Motors



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Acceptance Corp., Ford Motor Co., Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. of Grinnell, and Noise Control Products Co. of Chicago. Prior to his retirement he was assistant to the president for development at Grinnell College.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational and was past-president of the Grinnell Country Club. He was also a member of the Des Moines YMCA, the Wakonda Club of Des Moines, the national Football Foundation, the Naval Historical Foundation, and the executive board of the United Fund of Iowa. He was past commander of the Des Moines American Legion and past president of the Grinnell Alumni Association, receiving the alumni award for distinguished service in 1958.

Grinnell College annually awards the Dick Ullrich Tro-

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phy to the school's outstanding football player.

During World War II, Mr. Ullrich served as a lieutenant commander with the U.S. Navy in the European theater.

He refereed high school and college basketball and football games, and in 1961 he was among the first referees appointed by the newly formed American Football League. His own athletic career continued on the handball court where he and fellow Grinnell College graduate Harris Coggeshall of Des Moines teamed up to win 11 state championships.

In 1967 Mr. Ullrich was a nominee for Sports Illustrated's Silver Anniversary Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Des Moines B'Nai Brith Athletic Hall of Fame in 1972 and was similarly honored by the Iowa High School Basketball Association (1980) and the Iowa AAU (1983).

Surviving are his wife, Lois; two daughters, Nancy Jones of rural Iowa City and Chris Ullrich of Highland, N.Y.; two grandsons; and two sisters, Ruth Cackler of Des Moines and Jean McCarty of Long Beach, Calif.

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