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Joseph Welch, Famed Attorney Succumbs Today

Joseph Welch, 69, Boston attorney and Grinnell College graduate of the 1954 Army-McCarthy hearings fame, succumbed today (Thursday) at a Hyannis, Mass., hospital. He was stricken with a heart attack about a month ago.

Welch was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Grinnell in 1914 and later attended Harvard University law school. In 1954 he received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Grinnell at a special fall convocation held in his honor.

He served as chairman for a special fall convocation in 1957 at Grinnell and delivered one of the major addresses. His last visit to Grinnell was a brief stop-over last June.

The Primghar, Iowa, native was also a prominent figure outside the courtroom. He made numerous television appearances and was scheduled to serve as master of ceremonies for the Dow Hour of Great Mysteries this fall. Last year he played the rôle of the judge in the movie, Anatomy of a Murder.