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Widow Of Former College Professor Dies In New Jersey

Mrs. Paul Spencer Wood (Irene Wood), 81, widow of a Grinnell College faculty member, died Thursday morning in the Overlook Hospital at Summit, N. J., after a year's illness. She was born in Libertyville, Ill., Nov. 14, 1885.

Dr. and Mrs. Wood lived in Grinnell from 1923 to 1947, when he retired as Ames professor of English at the college. He died in 1955. Mrs. Wood taught fencing for a time at the college. Both the Woods were active in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Wood was a member of the Magoun Club.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Charles Elkington of Madison, N. J.; and two daughters, Mrs. Nathaniel M. Lawrence (Mary Wood), of Williamstown, Mass., a 1934 Grinnell graduate, and Mrs. H. Milton Anderson (Margaret Wood) of Murray Hill, N.J., a 1935 Grinnell graduate; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was at 2 p.m. Saturday (Sept. 2) at Grace Church in Madison, N.J. Burial also will be in Madison. The family has asked that no flowers be sent, but contributions may be made to a memorial fund at Overlook Hospital.

(Paul S.)