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Wilma Segrest

Wilma Gallagher Segrest, 94, of Maitland, Fla., formerly of Grinnell, died Jan. 19, 2003, in Maitland.

A family memorial service will be held June 28 in Grinnell at Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions. may be made to Grinnell College.

She was born in Grinnell, the daughter of Dr. O.H. and May Schmitz Gallagher. She was a 1930 graduate of Grinnell College. She had attended Harvard Business School and the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University in New York City. She was employed with the Department of Labor of the State of New York, serving for 32 years in its Division of Employment, supervising all state employment offices in the Greater New York City area, from which she retired in 1970. In 1963 she was selected by a national personnel association as one of four women in the United States to study personnel practices in Sweden.

She received an Alumni Award from Grinnell College in 1960.

She was married to B. Wallace Segret. The marriage ended in divorce.

Upon her retirement to Florida, she volunteered with the Seminole County Mental Health office and the Florida State Mental Health board as well as pursuing her lifelong love of golf which she began at the Grinnell Country Club

She is survived by one daughter Barbara Segrest Froeberg of Ruckersville, Va., three grand-daughters; five great grand children and one sister Peggy Gallagher Cole, Houston, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother J.R. (Pat) Gallagher.