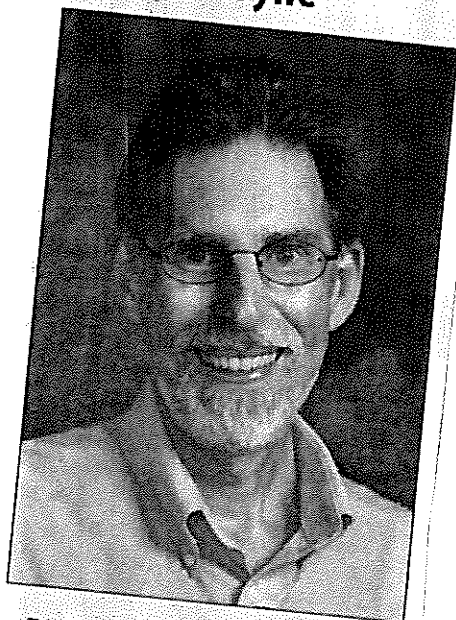


## Richard C. Fyffe



Richard Fyffe, 59, of Grinnell, died Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15, at the CERA prairie site of Grinnell College, southwest of Grinnell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the ALS Association, Iowa Chapter, 3636 Westown Pkwy, Suite 204, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266.

Richard was born on June 15, 1956, to William and Alice Queen Fyffe in Asheville, NC. His family moved often for his father's job and he lived in several states. He landed in Massachusetts and graduated from Putnam Catholic Academy in Putnam, Mass. He earned his B.A. and M.A. in philosophy at the University of Connecticut and his M.S. in library and information science at Simmons College in Boston.

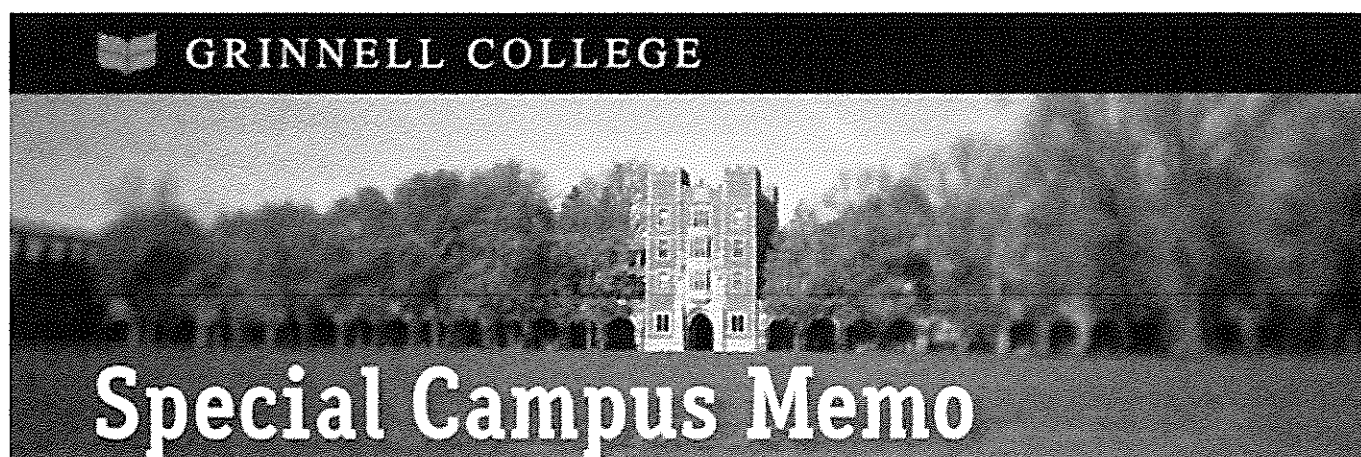
On Aug. 13, 1983, he was united in marriage with Ida Marie Casey in Worcester, Mass.

His library career started in Worcester at the American Antiquarian Society from 1981-1986. Richard then was the library director at Essex Institute, in Salem, Mass., from 1986-1990. In 1990, they moved to Connecticut, where he worked for the University of Connecticut. In 2000, the couple opted for a change of scenery and moved to Lawrence, Kan., where he was the assistant dean for scholarly communication at the University of Kansas, until July of 2006. The couple once again moved and Grinnell College welcomed him to their staff as the Samuel R. and Marie-Louise Rosenthal Librarian.

Richard enjoyed working outside and was a gardener. He was an explorer of ideas and landscapes. He expressed his thoughts and visions with poetry and photography.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Casey of Grinnell; his father, William Fyffe of Worcester, Mass.; his sister, Ellen Rhude of Ellicott City, Md.; and other relations and dear friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Fyffe.



Grinnell faculty, staff, and students,

It is my sad duty to report that Richard Fyffe, the College's Samuel R. and Marie-Louise Rosenthal Librarian of the College and associate professor, passed away yesterday, November 5, due to complications from ALS.

Dean Latham met with Interim College Librarian Julia Bauder and the Library staff this morning to inform them of Richard's passing. I hope you will join me in supporting them during this difficult time. Julia will continue to lead the Library through the completion of a national search for a Librarian of the College.

Richard Fyffe envisioned a role for Grinnell in the forefront of liberal arts college libraries. An award-winning librarian, he made vital contributions to many national partnerships and consortia, and was an eloquent advocate for libraries' central role in our educational mission. He was a profound thinker, a respected teacher, and a gentle soul. He was also a servant-leader whose death comes as a great loss for Grinnell, and especially for the many who were graced by his friendship and counsel.

A memorial service is being planned, and I will share the details as soon as they are confirmed. In the meantime, please join me in keeping Richard's wife Ida and their whole family in our thoughts.

Raynard

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