

Monday, August 8, 1966

Harriet M. Alden Dies Thursday; Rites At Topeka

Mrs. Harriet M. Alden, 89, of 833 East Street, widow of Thomas Dick Alden, died suddenly on Thursday evening at a local hospital. She had not been in the best of health the last 18 months.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at the Grace Episcopal Cathedral in Topeka, Kan., with burial in Mt. Hope cemetery there. Requiem Eucharistic services were held Saturday from St. Paul's Episcopal church in Grinnell with the Rev. John Hedger, vicar of St. Paul's, officiating.

The daughter of Howel and Elizabeth H. Hays Jones, she was born March 15, 1877, at Topeka, Kan. Her father was a former land commissioner and director of the Santa Fe railroad. She attended the public schools of Topeka and graduated from Bethany high school and then attended Mrs. J. E. B. Stuart's finishing school at Staunton, Va., and Potter College in Bowling Green, Ky.

On Sept. 30, 1903, she was married to Thomas Dick Alden at Topeka. Mr. Alden was also associated with the Santa Fe railroad, serving as freight auditor. To Mr. and Mrs. Alden were born two sons—Henry Alden, librarian of Grinnell College, and Thomas Dexter Alden, serving with the Department of State in the American Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Mrs. Alden was prominent in the Red Cross during World War I and for 10 years was active in the Topeka Mother's Aid Welfare Association.

She and her husband made their home in Topeka for some time, moving to Amenia, New York, for a few years, and finally moving to Grinnell to be near their son in 1952. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Grinnell and the Grinnell chapter of the DAR.

Surviving are her two sons; three grandchildren, Thomas D. Alden, Frederick Alden and Marisa Alden; and a brother, Howel H. Jones of Cedar Point, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Dick Alden, in 1954; her parents; and three sisters, Roberta Lee Jones in infancy, Mrs. Warren Akers, and Mrs. Theodore Snattinger.

Harriet Alden (T. D.) Dies at Grinnell

GRINNELL, IA.—Mrs. Harriet M. Alden, 89, mother of Henry Alden, Grinnell College librarian, died Thursday at a local hospital.

Mrs. Alden was the widow of T. D. Alden, land commissioner for and a director of the Santa Fe Railroad at Topeka, Kan. She had made her home with the son here for the past 15 years. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Grinnell and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Also surviving is a son, Thomas Dexter Alden with the U. S. State Department and assigned to the U. S. embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Services will be at 2 p. m. Saturday at St. Paul's Church here with services and burial next week at Topeka, Kan.