

Lois Bowen dies at 80

Lois Schilling Bowen, 80, who lived in Grinnell while her husband Howard served as president of Grinnell College from 1955 to 1964, died Tuesday in Claremont, Calif.

No services are planned.

She was born June 23, 1908, in Green Bay, Wis., the daughter of Warren and Jennie Schilling.

She completed high school in Green Bay in 1928 and entered the Music Conservatory at Lawrence College, later transferring to Northwestern University where she received a bachelor's degree in music in 1932. She began advanced study at Northwestern and later at the University of Iowa where she received her M.A. degree in 1934.

She taught music at University High School in Iowa City and later became director of vocal music at Freeport High School in Illinois.

She was married to Howard Bowen in 1935. Dr. and Mrs. Bowen served at the University of Illinois, Grinnell College, the University of Iowa and Claremont University Center.

Surviving are her husband and two sons, Geoffrey and Thomas.