

Dr. Thomas E. Brobyn, Prominent Grinnell Physician, Dies Sunday

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A prominent Grinnell physician, Dr. Thomas E. Brobyn, 58, of 1330 Summer Street, died suddenly at a local hospital shortly after noon Sunday.

Funeral services are to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Grinnell Methodist church. The Rev. Robert Dickerson will be the officiant, assisted by the Rev. John Hedger, vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Interment will be in Hazelwood cemetery with James-Schalinske Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Community hospital building fund or to a church or charity of their choice.

The son of Thomas and Mathilda Ferguson Brobyn, he was born Feb. 7th, 1908, at Philadelphia, Pa. He was a graduate of the Philadelphia North East Boys high school; Transylvania College in Lexington, Ky., in 1929; and the Temple University School of Medicine at Philadelphia. He served his internship at the Good Samaritan hospital in Lexington, Ky., and was resident for two years at the Women's hospital in Detroit, Mich.

On Dec. 19th, 1935, he was united in marriage with Margaret Newton at Toledo, Ohio. Following their marriage they lived for six months in Detroit and then in Waterloo, Iowa, for a few months. He came to Grinnell in September of 1937 to practice medicine in partnership with the late Dr. Edwin S. Korfmacher.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Army, enlisting in January of 1941. He served as an infantry surgeon with the 7th Infantry Division and was overseas for 18 months. He was discharged in April of 1946 with the rank of Major in the Medical Corps. Fol-

lowing his discharge he returned to Grinnell to his medical practice.

Dr. Brobyn was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church, serving it as a lay reader; the Grinnell Kiwanis Club; Hermon Lodge No. 273; Palestine Chapter No. 143; Signet Council No. 30 of Marshalltown; Oriental Commandery No. 20 of Newton; Past Commander and Past Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Iowa; the Davenport Consistory; Red Cross of Constantine, Eastern Star and the White Shrine.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; a son, Dr. Thomas J. Brobyn of Allentown, Pa.; his two daughters, Susan and Sarah Brobyn; his mother, Mrs. Mathilda Brobyn of Marengo; two brothers, Dr. C. Wilmer Brobyn of Wilkes Barre, Pa., and George F. Brobyn of Philadelphia, Pa.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1943.