

William Deminoff, Grinnell College official, dies at 71

William Deminoff, 71, former director of college relations and a special assistant to the president of Grinnell College, died of cancer Friday, May 3, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Herrick Chapel on the college campus, with the Rev. Willa Goodfellow of Iowa City officiating. Private family burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Deminoff's name may be made to CARE or to St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Grinnell and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 12, 1925, at Pittsfield, Mass., to Vladimir and Anna Wouk Deminoff. He was raised in Pittsfield and graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1942. From 1943 to 1945, he attended Berkshire Business College, and in 1952 he graduated *magna cum laude* in English from the University of Massachusetts. He re-

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ceived a master's degree from Brown University in 1954.

He was married to Elizabeth Ann Jackson in 1955. He taught English at Brown and the University of Massachusetts. From 1959 to 1965, he was director of News and Publications at Massachusetts. In 1965, the Deminoffs moved to Indiana where he served as associate director for the Committee on Institutional Cooperation of the Big Ten Universities, based at Purdue University.

He became director of college relations at Grinnell College in 1970, and since 1973 he had served as special assistant to the president at Grinnell.

He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and served on the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. He also served on the National Information Committee of the National Association of Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities, the Greater Grinnell

Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Grinnell Area Arts Council and the Public Relations Committee of the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. He was past president of the Grinnell Kiwanis Club and the Fortnightly Club.

Surviving are a son, Stephen of Hattiesburg, Miss.; two daughters, Anne Deminoff of Portsmouth, N.H., and Katherine Deminoff of Algona; one grandson; one brother, Frank of Pittsfield; and three sisters, Nina Veltri of Pittsfield, Sophie Gardner of Marblehead, Mass., and Josie Duby of Lenoxdale, Mass.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

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