

Ex-coach Douglas dies

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Ben Douglas, a former football and basketball coach at Grinnell College, died Dec. 4 of a massive coronary at a Tampa, Fla., hospital.

Douglas graduated from Grinnell College with the class of 1931. A prominent athlete, Douglas won nine letters as a standout in football, basketball and track.

Following his graduation, he played professional football with a Brooklyn, N.Y., team and then entered the coaching field.

Grinnell College records list Douglas as head football and basketball coach for the period

1940-1947. He was on leave during the 1942-45 period for service in the Navy during World War II.

After leaving Grinnell, Douglas went to work for Amana Refrigeration where he later became vice president in charge of international sales.

Douglas moved to Valrico, Fla., in 1975, and retired from Amana in the late 1970s.

An avid golfer, Douglas was a frequent Grinnell summertime visitor for golf games with Les Duke, Chuck DeLong, Dick Ulrich and other Grinnell friends.

Memorial Saturday for Douglas

A memorial service for the late Ben Douglas, a former Grinnell College coach, will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m. at Turner Chapel East, 800 2nd Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids.

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