Charles Luckenbill, Former Councilman, Teacher Here, Dies Sunday In Illinois

A former Grinnell City Councilman and past faculty member at both Grinnell high school and college, Charles L. Luckenbill, 46, died suddenly Sunday night at a Glen Ellyn, Ill., hospital, where he had been a patient since the previous Thursday.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Congregational church of Glen Ellyn, a suburb of Chicago, on Tuesday afternoon. Interment was at Allerton Ridge, Ill.

Luckenbill was director of band and instrumental music at Grinnell high school from 1950 to 1955, when he joined the Grinnell College faculty. He served there until 1960 as assistant professor of music and director of band and orchestra.

He was elected to the Grinnell City Council in 1959 and served until late 1960 when he left Grinnell to move to Glen Ellyn where he had accepted a position with a music publishing firm.

In June of 1960, he was chosen as Grinnell's "Father of the Year."

Born May 4, 1917, in Whitley County, Ind., he was a 1935 graduate of Columbia City, Ind., high school. In 1941, he received a B.A. degree in music from Central College at Fayette, Mo. That same year, he was named band director at Holden high school in Holden, Mo., and then entered the Army following the declaration of war in December, 1941. He served in the Army until 1946 when he was discharged with the rank of captain. He had spent three years overseas as an aircraft engineering officer with a fighter squadron in the Pacific Theatre.

From 1946 until 1948, he was music supervisor at Marceline high school, Marceline, Mo.,

and then spent from 1948 to 1950, when he came to Grinnell, at the State University of Iowa where he taught instrumental music. He also received his M.A. degree in music from SUI in 1950.

He was married to the former Betty Ann Jones, also a Central College graduate, in 1941. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Janet, 18, and Deborah, 13.

Mrs. Luckenbill and daughters reside at 960 Oxford Road, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

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