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Mullins dies at Swarthmore

Edgar R. "Moon" Mullins, Jr., a Grinnell College graduate and professor at the college between 1968 and 1970, died suddenly Thursday, Jan. 3, at his home in Swarthmore, Pa., at the age of 56.

A memorial service was held Monday, Jan. 7, at 11 a.m. at Swarthmore's Trinity Church.

He received his bachelor of arts degree at Grinnell and his master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Illinois. During World War II, he was in the U. S. Navy and attended Newberry College in Newberry S.C., in the V-12 program.

He went to Swarthmore college in 1952 as an instructor in mathematics and was named an assistant professor the following year. From 1955 to 1961 he worked as a consultant in computer use for IBM Corp., concurrently with his faculty appointment, and was from 1961 to 1968 an associate professor at the suburban Philadelphia liberal arts college.

In 1962 he left Swarthmore to

return to Grinnell as chairman of department of mathematics. In 1966, Grinnell named him director of computer services and in 1968 he was appointed a full professor.

He was named to the newly-created post of director of computer education and activities at Swarthmore in 1970, and he continued to teach math and direct the college-wide computer operations until his death.

He was also a director of Q-Analysis (Consultants) Ltd. of Cambridge, England.

He published several articles and books, and lately had done articles on the use of API, in Q-Analysis and on computing education at Swarthmore.

He is survived by his second wife, Jane Hooper Thompson Mullins, registrar at Swarthmore; a son, Ray of Milton; a daughter, Jane Mullins Spiecker of Lima, N.Y.; his mother, Mrs. Bess Mullins of Coleraine, Minn., two sisters and a brother.