Ms. McCluskey memorial held

A memorial service was conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Herrick Chapel for Katherine Lee McCluskey, 38, who died Saturday in a cave she was exploring in northeast Iowa's Allamakee County.

The Rev. Philip J. Ramstad, pastor of the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational, officiated. Kenneth Christiansen, Norris professor of biology at Grinnell College, delivered the eulogy. Music was provided by Kenneth Goldsmith, violinist, and Jo Anne Ritacca, organist.

Funeral services were scheduled for Friday in Kane, Pa., with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery there.

She was born on Oct. 3, 1948, in Kane. She attended Allegheny College where she majored in geology. She served three years as the student director of the Allegheny College Outing Club, organizing trips for rafting, skiing, and wilderness camping.

After earning her B.A. degree in 1970, she entered a master's degree program in parks and recreation at The Pennsylvania State University. During that period she worked as park naturalist and taught various courses in her

field. She was one of the first women to kayak down some of the most difficult rivers in the eastern United States.

She became director of outdoor recreation at Grinnell College in February 1975. She was married to Karl DeLong, professor of biology here, in December 1976.

At Grinnell she taught geology and various physical education courses. She founded and directed the Grinnell Outdoor Recreation Program (GORP).

Ms. McCluskey received her M.S. degree in parks and recreation from Penn State in 1980. She also took graduate courses in geology at the University of Iowa.

She handled GORP trips throughout Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin, as well as trips to the mountains of New Mexico, the canyons of Utah, Big Bend National Park, Texas, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, the Smokey Mountains, Canada, and Arkansas.

She is survived by her husband, Karl; a son, Thomas; her parents, Jean Louise and Lawrence D. McCluskey of Kane; and one brother, James McCluskey of Chesterton, N.Y.