

Dr. John R. Parish

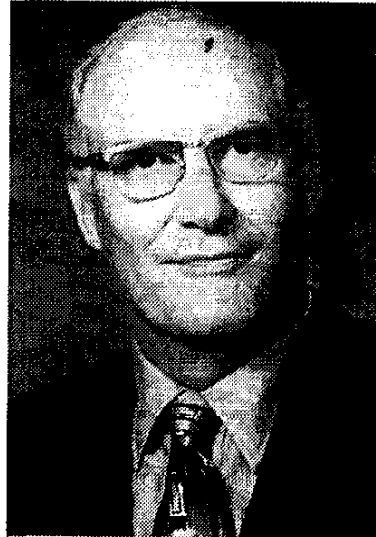
Dr. John R. Parish, 93, of the Mayflower, a retired Grinnell physician, died Friday, Dec. 26, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Grinnell United Church of Christ - Congregational. There will be no visitation.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Medical Center or to the Mayflower. The Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A complete obituary will appear in the Jan. 1 edition of The Herald-Register.

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He was born Sept. 23, 1904, in Grinnell to Dr. Ora Frank and Laura Agnes Peterson Parish. He was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School.

He graduated from Grinnell College in 1927 with a B.A. degree in chemistry. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, he attended Harvard Medical School where he received his M.D. degree in 1931.

Dr. Parish served his medical internship at Palmer Memorial Hospital in Boston and his surgical internship at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He began his medical practice in Grinnell in 1933.

During World War II, he served as a commander in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, assigned to the Pacific theater of operations. After returning to Grinnell, he resumed his practice and served the community for more than 40 years.

He was married to Elizabeth Cook Aug. 29, 1942, in Independence. A member of national and state medical associations, he was chief of staff during the merger of St. Francis Hospital and Community Hospital into the former Grinnell General Hospital. In addition to his regular duties, he taught physical diagnosis to students enrolled in the Grinnell-Rush Medical Studies Program. He also taught general health to third graders in Surprise, Ariz., from 1981 to 1987.

Dr. Parish was the recipient of a Grinnell College Alumni Award in 1957 for distinguished service in professional and civic affairs. He was a member of the United Church of Christ - Congregational of Grinnell and the Grinnell Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are three daughters, Celia McHenry of Iowa City, Kathy Shives of Des Moines and Jane Yang of Appleton, Wis.; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and one sister, Margaret Arnold of Pierceton, Ind. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and one brother, Charles.

Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Medical Center or to the Mayflower.

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