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Richard Ryan dies Aug. 30

Richard J. Ryan, 55, order librarian at Grinnell College, died Wednesday, Aug. 30, in Trimont, Minn., after a long illness.

Mr. Ryan, who held the faculty rank of associate professor, joined the staff of Grinnell's Burling Library in 1957.

A native of Aberdeen, S.D., he was graduated from Aberdeen High School and served for four years with the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II.

A 1950 graduate of Marquette University with a bachelor of philosophy degree in history, he received his master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois in 1951.

During his career, Mr. Ryan

held positions in the public libraries at Racine and Milwaukee, Wis., and at the Philadelphia Public Library in Pennsylvania. In 1955 he was appointed librarian of South Dakota State College.

Prior to joining the Grinnell library staff, he was a member of the order department at the University of Chicago Library.

A member of the American Library Association and the Special Libraries Association, Mr. Ryan was promoted to the rank of associate professor at Grinnell in 1977.

Survivors include his sister, Mrs. John Yurcek of Sherburn, Minn., with whom he made his home prior to entering a post-operative care facility at Trimont; two other sisters; and a brother.

A memorial service for Mr. Ryan was scheduled for Friday at the Jansen Funeral Home in Sherburn, Minn. The Funeral Mass was to be celebrated Saturday morning at St. Luke's Catholic Church there.

Persons wishing to contribute to a memorial fund in Mr. Ryan's name may do so by contacting Ronald Joyce in the Grinnell College Office of Development.