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Monday, October 14, 1968

Dr. Strong Dies; Services Friday

Earl D. Strong, 83, a member of the Grinnell College faculty for 40 years and dean of the college for six years, died Sunday afternoon in a hospital in Oneonta, N. Y.

Funeral services for Dr. Strong will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Herrick Chapel at Grinnell College. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Strong joined the Grinnell faculty in 1915 and taught until his retirement in 1955, when he became professor emeritus of economics and business.

From 1944 to 1950 he was dean of the college. He became dean emeritus in 1950, and at that time the college awarded him an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Born Feb. 15, 1885, in Tecumseh, Neb., he earned his Ph.B. degree at Grinnell in 1909, his M.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1912, and his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1921. He taught in Minnesota, North Carolina, and at other Iowa institutions before returning to Grinnell as a faculty member in 1915.

He married Margaret Bentley in 1917, and to this union were born three sons—James B. of Lacey, Wash.; Douglas E. of West Springfield, Mass.; and Jerome C. of Oneonta, N. Y.

Mrs. Strong and the three children survive, as do eight grandchildren.

All three sons, like their father, are Grinnell graduates.

Dr. Strong had lived in Oneonta since August, when he and Mrs. Strong sold their Grinnell home and moved east to be near their son Jerome.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Strong was active in regional and national professional associations and the American Association of University Professors, and had served as president of the Iowa Association of Economists.

The recipient of a Grinnell Alumni Award in 1949, he was a former president and director of the college's Alumni Association. At the time of his death, he was a member of the college's Advisory Council and class agent for the class of 1909.

During World War II, Dr. Strong was state price director for Iowa under the Office of Price Administration.

He was a member of the local Congregational church.