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Monday, July 15, 1963

## Services Held Here Today For Miss Mary Taylor

Miss Mary D. Taylor of 1329 Broad St., died early Saturday morning at a local hospital following an illness suffered over the past two months.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Ralph Beebe officiating. Burial will be Tuesday at Dunlap, Iowa.

The daughter of Oscar W. and Clara W. Kellogg Taylor, she was born at Dunlap and graduated from high school there. She received her B.A. degree from Grinnell College and Master's degree in English and Library Science from the University of Illinois.

Miss Taylor taught English at Grinnell high school for a time and for many years was professor and director of library science at Texas University for Women, Denton.

She was affiliated with several organizations, among them Beta Phi Mu, a national society for librarians, and the D.A.R. of Grinnell, Grinnell Museum Society, Historical and Literary Club of Grinnell, and for several years served in the Auxiliary of the Community hospital. When able, she had attended the Congregational church here.

Survivors include her two sisters, Clara and Helen Taylor of Grinnell. Her parents preceded her in death.

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Later she took a secretarial course at Gregg College in Chicago. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Library Science and her Master of Arts degree from the University of Illinois.

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had trained in Texas.

Mary was the author of a number of magazine articles and professional journals. She was a great reader, a lover of poetry, and she enjoyed helping prepare yearly programs for various clubs and organizations to which she belonged.

Her hobbies were astronomy, bird watching and traveling, having traveled all over the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and three extensive trips in Europe.

She has held memberships in the American Library Association, Beta Phi Mu, the national honor society for Librarians, the National Education Association, Vice-Regent of Poweshiek Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the Grinnell Historical and Literary Club, a member of the Grinnell Museum Auxiliary, a member of the Community Hospital Auxiliary, and the

Spirit Lake Hospital Auxiliary and a member of the Women's Fellowship of the Congregational church.

In 1954 she was presented with the Alumni Award of her class in Grinnell College.

She leaves two sisters, Clara and Helen Taylor and a number of cousins.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 15, 1963 at the Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell, with the Rev. Ralph Beebe, officiating. Organist was Mr. Norman Goodbrod. Committal and burial was held Tuesday morning, July 16, at Pleasant Hill cemetery, Dunlap, Iowa.