

# Turner's father dies in New Jersey

Physicist Louis Alexander Turner, 79, father of Grinnell College President A. Richard Turner, died Wednesday in Princeton, N.J. *June 15, 1977*

Turner, who headed the physics department at the University of Iowa from 1946 to 1950, was deputy director and director of the physics division of the Argonne National Laboratory for 14 years following his service at the U of I

Recognized for his extensive research interests, which included atomic physics, spectroscopy, nuclear physics and thermodynamics, and radar development, Turner worked as group leader and division head of the Radiation Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before and during the World War II period. He received the presidential certificate for his work in the defense effort.

From 1964 to 1970, Turner was lecturer in physics and special adviser to the dean of the faculty and chairman of the research board at Princeton University, where he continued to serve as a consultant up to the time of his death.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Turner received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Cornell University and the Ph.D. degree from Princeton University. He also studied in Göttingen, Germany, as a Guggenheim Fellow.

Besides his son, Turner is survived by his wife, Margaret Mather Turner; a sister, Elizabeth, of New York City; a daughter, Elizabeth Chase Turner, of Devon, Pa; and two grandsons, Louis and David Turner, of Grinnell.

President Turner, who has been in England for the Wilton Park Conference on International Affairs, is returning for services for his father. Arrangements are pending.

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**Louis Turner**

## memorial set

A memorial service for Dr. Louis A. Turner, noted physicist who died on June 15, will be held at 2 p.m. on July 1 at the Unitarian Church of Princeton, N.J.

Dr. Turner, father of Grinnell College president A. Richard Turner, was 79 at the time of his death in Princeton. Head of the physics department at the University of Iowa from 1946 to 1950, Dr. Turner later served as director of the physics division of the Argonne National Laboratory.

During the World War II period he worked as group leader and division head of the Radiation Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He received the Presidential Certificate for his work in the defense effort.

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