

## John H. Worley



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John H. Worley, professor of philosophy at Grinnell College, died Friday, Sept. 20, at his home following an illness of several months.

One of the college's most distinguished teachers, he joined the philosophy faculty in 1966 and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1975.

A graduate of Wabash College, he received his Ph.D. degree from Northwestern University. He taught at Lake Forest College, the University of Missouri and Hanover College before being appointed to the Grinnell faculty. A member of the American Philosophical Association, he was a long-time member and officer of the Iowa Philosophical Association.

Prof. Worley was a specialist in the thought of the great early modern philosophers — Descartes, Leibniz, Spinoza, Hume and others. He also taught logic, the philosophy of law and the philosophy of science.

In addition to philosophy, his interests ranged to ecology, teacher education, modern technology and juvenile justice. His college services included chairing the philosophy department, membership on the Executive Council and membership on educational policy committees.

A proponent of amateur athletics, Prof. Worley was a meet official for college contests in track, soccer, swimming and other sports. He also coached various teams in his early years at the college.

At the 1991 commencement, Prof. Worley was lauded as "a valued colleague, outstanding college citizen and assuredly one of the college's most distinguished teachers who made a permanent contribution to philosophy instruction and indeed to general education at Grinnell College."

The son of Aubrey Taylor and Louise Harland Worley, he was born May 1, 1928, in Evanston, Ill.

Prof. Worley is survived by his wife, Netia; two sons, Dale of Boston and Byron of Iowa City; and one sister, Mary Briault of Corales, N.M.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, in Herrick Chapel on the college campus.

Prof. Worley's body was donated to the College of Osteopathic Medicine in Des Moines.

Memorial contributions may be made in Prof. Worley's name to the Iowa Nature Conservancy, in care of the president's office at Grinnell.