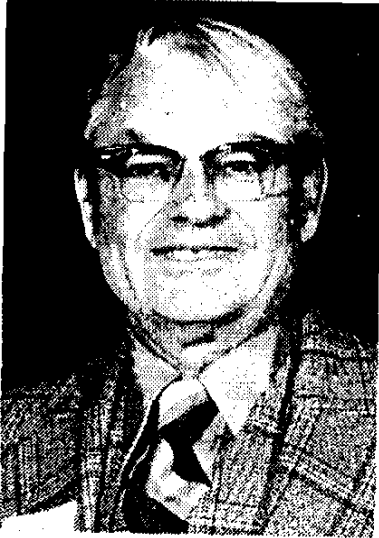


Durward S. Poynter



Durward S. "Dick" Poynter, 91, of Grinnell died of congestive heart failure Monday, Oct. 2.

A memorial service is set for 3 p.m. Saturday at the Grinnell United Church of Christ - Congregational, with the Rev. Robert Molsberry officiating. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery prior to the memorial service.

The Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Poynter was born May 21, 1909, in Somerset, Ky., and was raised and educated in Manhattan, Mont. Following his education, he managed JCPenny stores in Salmon, Idaho; Anaconda and Billings, Mont.; Lead, S.D.; and Montpelier, Idaho.

He was married to Jane R. Ruegamer Aug. 21, 1929, in Butte, Mont. They moved to Grinnell in 1957 where they owned and operated Poynter's Fourth Avenue Fashions until Mr. Poynter's retirement in 1970.

Mr. Poynter was very involved in community and school affairs in Grinnell, particularly in the area of fund-raising for community projects. He was the first president of Grinnell Area Housing, served as treasurer of the Association of Retarded Citizens and was involved in the development of low-cost housing for the elderly.

He twice chaired the Grinnell College Town and Gown campaign and was past president of the Grinnell United Way. He was also a member of the Grinnell Kiwanis Club, the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber Ambassadors.

Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Mary Jane Zimmerman of Grinnell; one son, John D. of San Francisco; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

His parents, two sisters, two brothers and one grandson preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or the Grinnell Middle School Technology Fund.