

Kenneth B. Barnes

Kenneth Boyd Barnes, 73, of 52 Ohio avenue, died at 3 a.m. today, March 31, 1970. Mr. Barnes was retired after being head of the chemistry department at Heidelberg College for 38 years.

He was born July 28, 1896, in Rockford, Ill., to Myron Elroy and Annie Elizabeth (Vawter) Barnes. He was married Sept. 4, 1926, in Beloit, Wisc., to Elizabeth Todd Thompson, who survives. He had lived in Tiffin for 42 years, coming here from Rockford.

Surviving, in addition to Mrs. Barnes, is a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, wife of Lt. Col. James C. Rankin, Las Vega, Nev.; a grandson, Lou Kenneth Rankin; and a granddaughter, Leslie Barnes Rankin.

Professor Barnes' undergraduate studies at Beloit College were interrupted by a period of service in the Naval Reserve during World War I. He returned to Beloit to be graduated with honors in 1920 and, following graduation, served on the faculty there for five years.

He did graduate work at the University of Chicago, received his master of science degree there in 1924 and continued several quarters as candidate for Ph. D. At Beloit he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa honor society and at Chicago University was elected an associate member of Sigma Xi.

After a year in Des Moines, Iowa, as assistant professor of chemistry at the university, he succeeded Dr. Martin E. Kleckner in the department of chemistry at Heidelberg, which department he headed until his health caused his retirement in 1965.

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X Professor Barnes served as chairman for the inaugural ceremonies of Drs. Josephson, Harner and Wickham as succeeding presidents of Heidelberg. His last and greatest interest was centered in the planning and preparation for the new Bareis Hall of Science, completed only weeks before his retirement.

He had been instrumental in the establishment of the Student Honor Society, the American Chemical Society Affiliates, and the American Association of University Professors on campus.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the American Association of University Professors throughout his teaching years.

In the community, Professor Barnes had served as president of the Tiffin Stamp Club, the University Club and the Tiffin Civic Forum. He was a member of the Ohio Republican Arts and Sciences Committee and he served during World War II in the Ohio Civil Defense program as gas warfare officer.

His personal interests centered in historical periods of Lincoln and the Civil War.

He was a member of the Tiffin Rotary Club and of St. Paul's United Methodist church.

The Rev. Leland Wiley will conduct services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Turner-Engle funeral home and interment will be in Greenlawn cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Thursday. The casket will remain closed. Casket bearers will be students from the chemistry department at Heidelberg College.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist church.

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