William James Burney
University of Iowa Prof. Emeritus William James Burney, 80, 309 Fairview Ave., Iowa City, was found dead Friday, Feb. 23 in his home. Funeral services were Monday, Feb. 26 at First Presbyterian Church.

Prof. Burney graduated from the Collins School and later taught there before going to Harvard. He was a 50 year Mason of the Collins Chapter and also Professor Emeritus of the Commerce Dept. of the School of Business Administration of the University of Iowa.

He was born June 22, 1892, in Newton, the son of William and Jane Finch Burney. He attended public schools in Collins, attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, and received his BA from the University of Iowa and his MA in business administration from Harvard University.

He taught at Harvard for two years, and was on the faculty of the UI College of Business Administration for 43 years.

He married Martha Gearhart on Aug. 18, 1924, in Batavia.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as an elder, trustee, and church treasurer. He also served as treasurer of the Westminster Foundation for the state, and was the local church's Fifty Million Fund Treasurer.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge AF & AM at Collins, the American Accounting Association, and Acacia Fraternity.

Survivors include two sons, William A. of New Britain, Conn., and Thomas G. of Angola, Ind.; one daughter, Mrs. A. R. (Martha) Robinson of Oxford, Miss.; one sister, Miss Alice Burney of Collins; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife.