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Last rites Thursday for Dr. J. W. Howard, retired University of Montana faculty member

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MISSOULA--

Services for Dr. Joseph W. Howard, 79, retired University of Montana chemistry professor who died early Monday morning at his Missoula residence, will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 3) at the First Baptist Church, W. Pine and Woody.

Rev. John F. Haugan will officiate. Interment will be in the Missoula Cemetery. The body will lie in state at the Squire, Simmons & Carr Chapel, 329 E. Pine, until noon Thursday.

Dr. Howard was born June 18, 1889, at Dixon, Ill. He married Guyda Lang on Sept. 4, 1918.

He received his bachelor’s degree at Shurtleff College in 1912 and did graduate work at the University of Illinois, where he received his master’s degree and doctorate in 1913 and 1915, respectively.

Dr. Howard joined the UM faculty in Missoula in 1915 and served as chairman of the Department of Chemistry during the 1954-55 academic year. He retired from the faculty Sept. 17, 1959.

Dr. Howard was a member of the American Chemical Society; Sigma Xi, a general science honorary for research and publication; Phi Lambda, a chemistry honorary; Gamma Alpha, a professional fraternity for graduate students in chemistry, and Missoula Lodge No. 13 AF & AM. Dr. Howard was named to Who’s Who in America and American Men in Science.

For 33 years Dr. Howard served on the committee of the Montana Interscholastic Meet and he was a long-time chairman of the committee.

Besides the widow, other survivors include a daughter, "Mrs. Clint (Leone) Oster, a brother and a number of nieces and nephews. A son, Robert, preceded Dr. Howard in death in July, 1965.

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