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Obituary

Dr. Anna Glancy, noted AO Scientist

Waltham – Dr. Anna Estelle Glancy, 91, internationally known lens designer and former research scientist with American Optical Co., died Monday night [May 19] in Waltham Hospital. She lived at 75 River St., and formerly resided in Southbridge, Sturbridge and Auburn.

During her 33 years with American optical, Dr. Glancy designed lenses for eye glasses, microscopes, cameras and television. She was one of the world's few lens designers. She retired from the company in 1951.

Before joining American Optical Dr. Glancy taught at the University of California's department of astronomy at Berkeley. During that time she also served as a fellow at the Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton, Calif.

After receiving her doctor of philosophy degree at the University of California, she served for a time as an astronomer at the National Observatory in Cordoba, Argentina.

After returning to this country in 1918, she joined American Optical, where she assisted in the development of the famous Tillyer lens and contributed data for the design of special lenses, lensometers and other instruments.

She leaves two brothers, Robert C. Glancy of Broomall, Pa., and Warren E. Glancy of Waltham, with whom she made her home.

She was born in Waltham, daughter of Robert E. and Anna B. (Piper) Glancy.

She was graduated from Waltham High School in 1901. She received her bachelor of arts degree in mathematics at Wellesley College in 1905 and her doctorate in 1912.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in the Frist (*stet.*) Unitarian Church, 90 Main St., Worcester, with the Rev. Wallace W. Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Feak Cemetery, Waltham.

There are no calling hours.

The family requests flowers be omitted and suggests contributions be made in her memory to the Worcester County Hearing & Speech Center, 525 Lincoln St., Worcester or to the First Unitarian Church, Worcester.

Sessions Funeral Home, 71 Pleasant St., Worcester has charge of arrangements.