

Naismith Rites Will Be Held Friday at 2:30

★ Reverend Theodore Aszman, Presbyterian Minister, Will Officiate; Wife, Five Children Survive

Services for Dr. James Naismith, professor emeritus of physical education and inventor of basketball, will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church here. The Rev. Theodore Aszman, pastor of the church, will officiate at the services.

Doctor Naismith died early yesterday morning at his home on University Drive, after having been suddenly stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage Nov. 19.

Among the survivors are his wife and five children: Mrs. Thomas L. Daw and John Edwin Naismith of Topeka, Mrs. George B. Stanley of Pueblo, Colo., Mrs. L. H. Dodd of St. Louis, and James Sherman Naismith of Dallas.

Began Duties in 1898

Doctor Naismith had been actively connected with the University's department of athletics for 40 years, having begun his duties here in 1898. He resigned from full-time teaching duties in June, 1937.

"The youth of the world has lost a great benefactor in Dr. James Naismith, the father of basketball," Dr. F. C. Allen, chairman of the department of physical education and head basketball coach, said yesterday.

"Eighteen million young men all over the world are playing his game of basketball which he originated for 18 troublesome young men in a class in Springfield, Mass., Y.M.C.A. college in 1891.

'He Loved Youth'

Basketball's Father Passes Away---



The University of Kansas lost one of its most beloved professors Monday night when Dr. James Naismith died. His game of basketball, which he invented in 1891, is one of the most popular of sports.