

Obituaries

JACKSON BAILEY

1925–1996

Jackson H. Bailey, nationally noted expert in Japanese history, culture, and Japanese-American relations, died August 2 in Brattleboro, Vermont. He was 70 years old.

Jackson Bailey was a professor of history at Earlham College from 1959 until his retirement in June 1994. He and his wife, Caroline, had moved to Vermont later that year.

Born in Portland, Maine, he attended Earlham, graduating in 1950. After earning a Ph.D. at Harvard University in Asian history and languages, he returned to Earlham in 1959, as a member of the history department faculty. He was a fluent speaker of Japanese and studied at several leading Japanese universities, including the University of Tokyo and the University of Kyoto.

Among his foremost accomplishments, he founded the Institute for Education on Japan. Based at Earlham, the Institute offers an academic program for majoring in Japanese Studies. Jackson Bailey also created the Assistant English Teaching Program, which over the past 20 years has sent some 170 young college graduates to northeastern Japan to teach English to Japanese junior high school students.

Jackson Bailey wrote and edited many articles and books on Japan and the Japanese; among the latter are *Listening to Japan* (1973) and *Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives* (1991). He also produced several documentaries on Japan for PBS television, notably the nationally viewed *Japan: The Living Tradition* and *Japan: The Changing Tradition*.

In 1988 the Japanese government awarded Jackson Bailey the Order of the Sacred Treasure, the nation's highest honor given to a non-Japanese, in recognition of his contributions to increasing understanding between Japan and the United States.

His other honors include: Honorary doctorate degrees from Haverford College (Pennsylvania), Wabash College (Indiana), the College of Wooster (Ohio), and Waseda University (Japan); Franklin Buchanan Award 1996 from the Association for Asian Studies in recognition of his "commitment to the development of innovative teaching materials and contributions to the development of teachers at all levels"; Eugene Asher Distinguished Teaching Award from the American Historical Association (1991); a Richmond Citizen of the Year, awarded by the Chamber of Commerce in 1987 for his contributions to attracting Japanese business investment to the area; and Outstanding Alumni Award from Earlham College, June 1996.

At the Bailey family's request, memorial contributions may be made to the Farm and Wilderness Campership Fund, Farm and Wilderness, Plymouth, Vermont 05056.