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## IN MEMORIAM: WILLIAM J. BAILEY

The Journal of Macromolecular Science—Chemistry sadly announces the death of one of our Editorial Board members, William J. Bailey, 68 on December 17, 1989 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Dr. Bailey died after collapsing at the opening reception of the 1989 International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies. A few days before he died, he was an invited lecturer at the First Pacific Polymer Conference in Maui, Hawaii.

Dr. Bailey was a research professor at the University of Maryland since 1951 and an active member of the American Chemical Society including the Division of Polymer Chemistry, which he chaired in 1967.

An organic chemist by training, Dr. Bailey was better known as a polymer chemist and is credited with important discoveries in the areas of expanding polymers and biodegradable plastics. His work on expanding monomers won him a patent in 1983, which was licensed by Epolin, a small, Newark, New Jersey based specialty chemical maker. He authored or coauthored about 230 technical articles and two books and was awarded six patents. He consulted for several major corporations, including American Cyanamid, Goodyear Tire & Rubber, National Starch & Chemical, Armstrong World Industries, and Conoco. He also received many awards for his research and was a member of several honor societies and gave honorary lectures at a number of universities.

Dr. Bailey was born in East Grand Forks, Minnesota, and grew up in Walker, Minnesota. He received a bachelor's degree in Chemistry in 1943 from the University of Minnesota and a doctorate degree in 1946 from the University of Illinois. He held a postdoctoral fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1946–47. He then taught chemistry at Wayne State University until he joined the faculty at the University of Maryland in 1951.

Dr. Bailey is survived by his wife, Mary, a son, two daughters, and a brother.

We at the *Journal* mourn his passing and extend our condolences to his family.