



## Mrs. Maude M. Bailey

October 18, 1920 - December 12, 2014

### RETIRED TEACHER AND MUSICIAN

Maude M. Bailey of Acra passed away on December 12, 2014, at the age of 94 after a number of years in retirement from teaching in the Cairo Central High School. Born October 18, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Zatella Barrus Mclsaac and Robert Milton Mclsaac, formerly of Port Washington, NY.

Mrs. Bailey's early years were spent in Port Washington, and then in the 1930's, Ithaca, NY, became her home. She graduated from Ithaca Senior High, earning a N.Y.S. Regents Scholarship for four years of college. Her early musical interests were furthered at Ithaca College, where she majored in violin in the Instrumental Music Program, playing first violin in the Symphony Orchestra and clarinet in the Concert Band for four years. During her senior year she held the position of concertmistress in that orchestra. Maude was a member of the National Professional Fraternity for Women, Sigma Alpha Iota, and was president of the Epsilon Chapter in her senior year. She also was a member of the Honor Society Oracle, serving as secretary. In December of 1942, on the accelerated plan due to World War II, she graduated Cum Laude from Ithaca College with a B. S. in Music Education. She was named in the 1943 "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges".

Her teaching career began in 1943 in Fayetteville, NY, where she taught instrumental music and directed the school band for three years. Mrs. Bailey also taught music at the Ithaca Junior High School.

On August 7, 1944, she was married to Earl H. Bailey, of Hinsdale, NH, also an Ithaca College music graduate. Following his completion of military duty in the war years, they moved to Madison, NY, in 1946, where her husband became instrumental music supervisor and band director, and Mrs. Bailey worked as secretary to the principal. While living in Madison, she was a member of the Oneida Silver Company orchestra playing 1st

Violin and 1st Clarinet in the band.

In 1949, they moved to Cairo, NY, where Mr. Bailey started the instrumental music program and band in Cairo Central School. Their two sons were born in subsequent years. In the late 1950's, Mrs. Bailey taught vocal music for a year in Cairo, then pursued her graduate work in English at Albany State and began teaching English in Cairo Senior High School. For several years, she also directed the Boys' Glee Club. She was awarded a grant to attend the Institute in English for Secondary Teachers at the State College of Education in Albany, and continued teaching English to ninth and tenth grade students until retiring in June, 1974. Maude's lifelong interests in music, Siberian Huskies, gardening, and enjoying a family camp in the Adirondacks kept her busy during retirement.

Maude was predeceased by her husband of 70 years, Earl H. Bailey, retired band director and Cairo Central School administrator. She is survived by her two sons, Robert E. Bailey (Marianne), of Glenville, NY, and Loren T. Bailey (Janet), of Stanley, NC, as well as granddaughters Allison Bailey of Enfield, CT, Meredith Bailey (Michael MacLeod) of New Bedford, MA, and Erin Bailey Meyer (Michael) of Charlotte, NC. Other survivors include her brother, Dr. Robert J. Mclsaac (Carol), of Amherst, NY, as well as a number of cousins, nieces, and nephews. Maude was predeceased by her brother, Dr. Paul R. Mclsaac (Lou), of Ithaca, NY.

At the request of the family, there will be no public funeral or services. Burial in the Round Top Cemetery will be private. Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).

# Cemetery

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## **Round Top Cemetery**

South Road

Round Top, NY, 12473

# Comments

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“ Dear Bob, Loren and families, I'm sorry I have to be sending my sincerest sympathies again so soon after your Dad's passing, but the same admiration and respect extends to your mother as well. She was a great teacher and a very respected member of the CCS family and our community. The good thoughts I will have of them include our years being guided by them in school, that they both lived long, full lives surrounded by a loving family and are back together again after a brief absence. Sincerely, Jim Van Orden

**Jim Van Orden** - December 21, 2014 at 06:41 PM

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“ Bob, Loren and family. Words cannot express the admiration I had for your parents. My years in Cairo Central School are filled with fond memories of them both. I am still involved with music, thanks to them, still playing in a community band. I did stop in to see your parents and tell them how grateful I was that they gave me the gift of music.  
God Bless them.  
Sincerely Claire Hermann

**Claire Hermann** - December 21, 2014 at 04:19 PM

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“ To the Bailey Family. My sincere condolences. Your Mother was my English teacher and I learned a lot from her. Always a very pleasant lady. Your Father was the principal while I was in school. Your Father gave my Mother a job as cafeteria manager. I am so glad I stopped with Doug Persons to visit them when I made a trip up to N.Y.a few years ago.  
They were both lovely people. May God give you Peace and Comfort during this time.  
Sincerely,  
Karen(Butts) Bickerton.

**Karen Bickerton** - December 19, 2014 at 03:24 PM

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“ Bob and Loren, So sorry to hear about the loss of your mother (and also of your dad's recent passing). Both were people who dedicated their life to education and touched/helped many students and people along the way. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Jim Freemann

**James Freemann** - December 17, 2014 at 03:14 PM

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“ My condolences to the families on the loss of your Mom and recently Dad. Both have touched my life, and I will cherish the memories.

Betty (Strother) Cobb



**Betty Strother Cobb** - December 17, 2014 at 10:53 AM

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“ Robert and Loren,  
So very sorry to learn of both your parents passing. They were wonderful people and I learned a lot from them. Your dad was principal when I was in elementary school and your mom was my high school English teachers. They had wonderful lives and I feel fortunate to have known them.

Barbara Spohler D'Elia

**Barbara D'Elia** - December 17, 2014 at 09:20 AM

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“ She was a great person. She taught me the meaning of reading and how to read. I've missed seeing them at the Cairo post office getting their mail . I will miss her smile.  
Allen Veverka

**Allen Veverka** - December 17, 2014 at 05:23 AM

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“ Robert and Loren, I was very sad to hear of Mrs. (and Mr. ) Bailey's passing... such genuinely nice people and patient teachers. Wishing you well at this difficult time; praying for God's blessings and many happy memories for you to share.

**Peggy (Lester) Pitcher** - December 16, 2014 at 02:43 PM

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“ Wishing you and your family the best in your time of loss. God Bless.



**Kenneth Bertucci** - December 16, 2014 at 11:08 AM