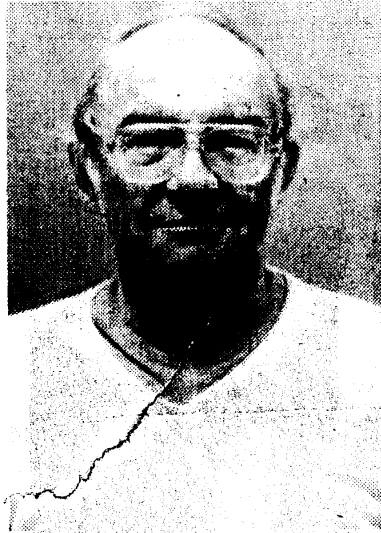


## Charles G. Cleaver



Charles Grinnell Cleaver, 78, professor emeritus of English and American studies at Grinnell College, died Wednesday, April 19, 2000, at his home.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, April 26, at 4:30 p.m. at Herrick Chapel, Grinnell College. Memorials may be made to Grinnell College.

He was born Dec. 9, 1922, in Fort Wayne, Ind., the son of Allen Grinnell and Irene Jessup Cleaver. He earned the bachelor of arts degree in English at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., in 1947 after serving in Asia during World War II. He received the master of arts degree in English and the doctor of philosophy degree in American studies from the University of Minnesota.

He taught English at Hanover College in Indiana beginning in 1947 and the University of Cincinnati in 1954. He joined the department of English at Grinnell College in 1956 and helped develop the American studies program. He also was instrumental in developing the Black Studies program and spent the spring semester of 1969 as Distinguished Visiting Professor at

Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.

Introduced to Japan during its occupation following World War II, he spent the 1963-64 academic year as a Fulbright Visiting Professor at Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan, and in 1975-76 served as resident director of the Associated Colleges of the Midwest/Grèat Lakes Colleges Association joint year-abroad program at Waseda University in Tokyo. In 1975 he was one of six educators appointed to a special subcommittee of the United States-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange. He also spent the 1979-81 academic years at Keio University in Tokyo developing an American studies program there.

In 1985 he spent a semester at the East/West Center at the University of Hawaii and after retiring from Grinnell College in 1988, he spent five years on the faculty of Shizuoka Eiwa College in Shizuoka, Japan.

He also served on several academic boards concerned with U.S./Japanese relations and was the author of a cross-cultural study, "Japanese and Americans."

He is survived by one daughter, Ann Jessup Cleaver Bailey of Port Townsend, Wash., and one son, Richard Cleaver, Hamamatsu, Japan. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Sara Ellen Dever Cleaver, who died in 1987.

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Professor Cleaver was at Keio University in Tokyo from 1979 to 1981 developing an American studies program. He was designated Helena Percas de Ponseti Research Scholar at Grinnell College in 1986.

Professor Cleaver wrote several books and articles, among them, *Japanese and Americans: Cultural Parallels and Paradoxes*.

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