

John A. Caylor (1920-1984)



John A. Caylor, Boise, Idaho, shortly before his death, joined Idaho Governor John V. Evans for the signing of "Executive Order No. 83-21," which created the Idaho Lewis and Clark Trail Committee. The signing of the order took place in December 1983.

Dr. John A. Caylor, a director of the Foundation during the years 1973-1975, passed away March 23, 1984 at a Boise, Idaho hospital. John was a professor of history at Boise State University. Born in Sioux City, Iowa, he attended Wayne State College at Wayne, Nebraska, and received his Ph.D. in history at the University of Nebraska. He taught at Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri, and began his professorship at Boise State University in 1965. John had many friends in the Foundation and his interest in the history and heritage of the Lewis and Clark Expedition included a special course at the college concerning the famous exploring enterprise. Most recently he spearheaded the formation of an Idaho Lewis and Clark Trail Committee formed by an executive order from Idaho Governor John V. Evans.¹ In recent years, kidney problems made dialysis necessary, and he frequently made arrangements with local hospitals and clinics so as to be able to travel and attend history conferences and our Foundation meetings. Friendships were recently renewed when he and Ruthann attended the all day program at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, in February.

He is survived by his wife, Ruthann, and two sons, William in San Diego, and John R. in Boise. Memorials in his name may be forwarded to the Boise State University Foundation, care of the University, 1910 College Blvd., Boise, ID 83725.

¹ See also *WPO*, Vol. 10, No. 1, p. 7.

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