

# Stanley Hyman Dies, Of College Faculty

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Stanley Edgar Hyman of North Bennington, literature faculty member at Bennington College, died unexpectedly last night while at the Rainbarrel restaurant in North Bennington. He was taken to Putnam Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. He was 51.

The cause of death has not yet been determined, and an autopsy has been ordered.

Mr. Hyman had been affiliated with Bennington College for more than two decades, and was recognized as both a literary critic and author. One of his courses, Myth-Ritual-Literature, was for several years considered the most popular undergraduate offering.

The professor, who recently married the former Pheobe Pettingill, was considered to be in good health before being stricken.

Mr. Hyman's first wife, author Shirley Jackson, died in 1965, leaving him with four children who now survive him, and another child is expected this fall.

Mr. Hyman joined the faculty at Bennington College in 1945 after receiving an A.B. from Syracuse University in 1940. A native of New York City, he became a staff writer for the New Yorker immediately after his graduation and continued to hold the position throughout his life.

The critic-author was also on the editorial staff of the New Republic in 1940, and was lead reviewer for the New Leader, 1961-65.

His books include "The Armed Vision," "Poetry and Criticism," "The Tangled Bank," "Nathanael West," "The



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Promised End," "Flannery O'Connor," and "Standards."

In addition, he edited several volumes, including "The Critical Performance," "Darwin for Today," Kenneth Burke's "Perspectives by Incongruity" and "Terms for Order," "The Magic of Shirley Jackson" and Shirley Jackson's "Come Along With Me," and William Troy's "Selected Essays," which garnered the National Book Award in 1968.

Mr. Hyman received the American Council of Learned Societies fellowship in 1959, and the National Institute of Arts and Letters award in criticism in 1967.

He had recently returned to Bennington after a leave of absence for the 1969-70 term, during which he taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

A new book by the author, "Iago: Some Approaches to the Illusion of his Motivation," is scheduled for release by Atheneum Press in New York during September.

In addition to his widow, Mr. Hyman is survived by his mother, Mrs. M. Hyman of New York; four children, Laurence Hyman of San Francisco, Calif., Miss Joanne Hyman of Bennington, Mrs. Sarah Hyman Webster of East Haven, Vt., and Barry Hyman, who attends Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio; three grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother, Arthur Hyman, of Englewood, N.J.

A college community service will be held at 9 p.m. Saturday in the Carriage Barn.