IN MEMORIAM

JOSETTE MAILLET BIGELOW

Josette Maillet was born in France on December 14, 1925. She spent her childhood in Sèvres, a town on the outskirts of Paris. Her father worked for the French railroads and, eventually, his job brought him and his family to the United States. Josette attended college in Dallas, where she received her B.A. As she was completely bi-lingual, she became a translator and worked on several books for UT Press. She married William Bigelow in Dallas, Texas, and had two children, Jacqueline and François. She then received her M.A. from Université Laval, in Québec, Canada, in 1961, and wrote her thesis “L’Art de la litote chez Françoise Sagan” under the supervision of Professor Michel Dassonville whom she eventually married May 24, 1980.

She became a lecturer in the department of French and Italian where she taught French phonetics, became the lower-division supervisor and an associate professor in 1969. Theater was her true passion. Her happiest moments were teaching French theater, and she directed her students with great success in many French plays. Josette retired in the early 1980s due to failing health. She passed away in Austin on October 18, 2009. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jacqueline, and her grand-daughter, Cassandra. She is survived by her son, François Bigelow, her step-children and grand-children.

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