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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Janie Lou (Harris) Mueller Bailey was born to Harvey G. and Georgia (Schukraft) Harris in 1925 in Evansville, Indiana, where she lived until adulthood. She graduated from Evansville's Bosse High School in 1944 and attended the National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois, where she graduated in 1946 with a teaching degree.

After graduating, Bailey became the kindergarten teacher at Indianapolis's Tudor Hall School for Girls under Headmistress I. Hilda Stewart. She met H. George Mueller (1921–1984), whom she married in 1949. They moved to Ninety-Sixth Street, west of Zionsville Road, and began a family in 1951, eventually having four children: Lynne Harris (Mueller) Sweeney, John George Mueller II, Julia Jane (Mueller) Hoyer, and Sally Anne (Mueller) Schaidhammer.

After the birth of her second child in 1953, Bailey and her family moved to Williams Creek, an affluent town later incorporated into Indianapolis in 1970. In the 1950s, Bailey became involved with the Junior League of Indianapolis, lending her experience in education to numerous projects, such as the Lockefield Garden co-op nursery and parent education at Riley Hospital. From 1962 to 1964, she was the president of the Christamore Aid Society.

Several years after husband's death, she married John "Jack" W. Bailey in 1990. Mrs. Bailey currently resides in Indianapolis.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The following interview is one of a series devoted to collecting life stories from remarkable people whose involvement in Indiana business, politics, religion, education, and philanthropy continues to enhance the Indiana community. Through these individual lives, we can witness the development of Indiana's recent past and better understand Indiana's history from a personal and professional perspective, as illustrated by each individual's contributions to Indiana and their personal connections to all Hoosiers. This manuscript was transcribed from a digitally recorded interview conducted on 1 November 2012, at Janie Lou Bailey's home in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Kendra E. Clauser, Indiana Historical Society's (IHS) oral history archivist for the project from 2011 to 2013. Brittany Kropf, an IHS volunteer, transcribed the interview in July 2013, and Wendy L. Adams, IHS's director of oral history (as of April 2014), lightly edited the transcript in November 2014. The interview, which includes the audio recording and the transcript, is housed at the William H. Smith Memorial Library in the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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