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OBITUARY

Philip B. Yampolsky

(1921-1996)

Philip B. Yampolsky, head of the C.V. Starr East Asian Library of Columbia University from 1968 to 1981, died July 28, 1996 at age 75 of complications from pneumonia. After graduating from Columbia College in 1942, Mr. Yampolsky served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He later studied Buddhism in Japan. In 1962 he returned to teach at Columbia, where he received his Ph.D. He retired as professor in 1990 but continued as a special lecturer until 1994. A noted scholar of Zen Buddhism, Mr. Yampolsky was the author of a number of important studies on Buddhism: *Platform Sutra of the Sixth Patriarch* (1967), *The Zen Master Hakuin: Selected Writings* (1971), *Selected Writings of Nichiren* (1990), and *Letters of Nichiren* (1996), all published by Columbia University Press.

Mr. Yampolsky is survived by his wife Yuiko, two daughters, a son, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

(Miwa Kai)