

I am deeply saddened to inform you of the passing of Jay Haley. He died peacefully in his sleep yesterday.

Jay Haley has been a faculty member with the MFT Programs at Alliant International University since 1998. He is widely recognized as a major founder of the field of Family Therapy and the father of Strategic Family Therapy. His revolutionary, prolific work has influenced generations of therapists. He was the author of 20 books on many aspects of therapy, and the founding editor of Family Process, the first family therapy journal in the field. He was also a film maker and he and his wife Madeleine Richeport-Haley produced a number of commercially available films on Strategic Therapy with students from the MFT programs at Alliant International University.

He holds degrees from the University of California in Los Angeles, Berkeley, and Stanford University. He was awarded an honorary doctoral from US International University (now Alliant International University), and has served as a professor at the University of Maryland, Howard University, the University of Pennsylvania, US International University, and Alliant International University. Jay Haley was a leading figure in developing the Palo Alto Group's communications. He worked extensively with Gregory Bateson, Milton Erickson, and Salvador Minuchin, and combined ideas from each of these innovative luminaries in his development of Strategic Family Therapy. He was Director of Family Therapy Research at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic and Co-Founder of the Family Therapy Institute of Washington, D.C.

On a personal note, Jay Haley was very kind to me and to our students. I will be forever impacted by his kindness, his patients, and his intense, passionate focus on bringing about changes to help individuals, couples, and families. He cared deeply not only about improving the lives of clients, but also about our students and faculty. He will be deeply missed.

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