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WILLIAM LAWRENCE BRINGAN, 87, of DeRidder, LA, passed from this life on Saturday, 3 September 2016. William (Bill) was born in Adams MA, to Evelyn Delia (Burnett) and Lawrence Griffith Bringan on 31 October 1928. He is a 1946 graduate of Drury High School in North Adams, MA, and attended North Adams State College (Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts) earning Bachelor of Science (1951) and Master (1971) degrees in Education. He also attended King's College Columbia University in New York, while pursuing his Master's degree.

Bill entered the United States Army at Fort Devens, MA, in 1951 and served until 1954, completing his basic training at Fort Hood, TX. He attended Intelligence Analyst school at Fort Riley, KS. Bill was then stationed overseas in Germany to serve with the 1st Armored Division, 309th Military Intelligence Company in Nuernberg, where he met and married his wife, Angelika (née Lebens). They were married in 1954, and in the same year, upon completion of his military service, Bill and Angie returned to the United States, where he began his teaching career in New York. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ossining.

In 1957, Bill and his wife and daughters returned to Germany when he accepted a position with the United States Department of Defense Dependent Schools, teaching the children of military service members in Kaiserslautern. Nuernberg, Munich, and Stuttgart, and forging an overseas career in education spanning 43 years. He retired from the federal government after 46 years of loyal service to his country and moved to DeRidder in 2000.

Bill lived over half of his life in Germany, learning about and enjoying its people, food, customs and culture. While he also enjoyed his retirement in DeRidder, Bill felt fortunate to be able to make frequent trips to Nuernberg. He had many interests and hobbies, including reading, corresponding, and stamp collecting. He liked to travel, especially in the Bavarian, Austrian, Italian, and Swiss Alps, where he enjoyed skiing with his family. Bill and Angie attended many folk festivals together and loved spending a great time in a small town in the Dolomites of northern



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Italy (Suedtirol), where he found good friends and was very fond of attending the region's band music concerts.

A life-long educator, Bill was also an expert in U.S. Military History with a focus on the Army's WW I and WW II activities in Europe. He amassed a large home collection of books on the subject, was a voracious reader and a frequent library patron; often simultaneously reading several history books and magazines on a host of topics. He was happy to share his knowledge and engage in a good conversation with friends.

Bill is well known for being a longtime letter writer, corresponding with friends worldwide. He was a faithful friend and a sender of post cards, birthday cards, and hand-written thank you notes. Bill enjoyed serving in the community. He was a member of the DeRidder Lion's Club, and volunteered at God's Food Box. Bill was a member of the First Baptist Church of DeRidder and prayer ministry, writing numerous encouraging prayer grams while serving at the Prayer Room.

Bill is survived by his wife, Angie, daughters Linda Bringan and friend, Dan Detrick, and Shirley (Bringan) Corda and husband, Mark Corda, of DeRidder, granddaughter Anne Catherine (Corda) Timpe and husband Nick Timpe of PA, grandson Benjamin Corda and wife Alyson (Janes) of TN, and a host of good friends spread far and wide who will remember him lovingly and fondly. He is pre-deceased by his parents, and his brother, Linwood G. Bringan.

Visitation will be Wednesday, 7 September, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with a chapel service at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, 8 September, both at Labby Funeral Home in DeRidder, followed by burial at the Central Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, Fort Polk, Leesville, LA.

In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made in Bill's memory to the Celiac Society, the American Cancer Society, or to a charity of one's choice.



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WB

Wendy Bahn posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a beautiful person and will be greatly missed. You are in my thoughts.

September 6 at 7:00 PM

MB

Mona Bradford posted:

I am so saddened to hear of Bill's recent passing! He was such a faithful friend and was such a joy to work with!! I will always treasure the many fun times that I spent with Bill and Angie in Stuttgart, Germany. You are in my thoughts and prayers!

September 5 at 7:00 PM

RO

Regina Obe posted:

Sorry to hear of cousin Billie's passing. The few times I talked to him he had such an upbeat look on things that left you feeling just a little happier and energetic.

September 5 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are for you at this time.

September 4 at 7:00 PM

MC

Micki, Steph And Valerie Corda posted:

We were very saddened to hear that Bill passed away. He was a wonderful person and we'll always remember him fondly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate Bill's remarkable life. With love, Micki, Steph, and Valerie

September 4 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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