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Franklin Oakes Brantley, 90, passed away peacefully on March 3, 2017. He was an artist, a linguist, a potter, and an avid lover of nature where he was always amazed at God's handiwork. His curiosity and love for travel, commonly with no less than a thumb, led him to reside in San Francisco, Quebec, Florida, and throughout Europe and Morocco. As a student at University of North Carolina he developed a passion for Spanish and linguistics that he not only built a career upon but also led him to find the love of his life. While teaching in Spain, he began a correspondence which became courtship which in turn became a marriage of 56 years to his wife Amparo. He returned with his bride to the United States and began a career and family. After completing a PhD at Tulane University, he resided in Memphis where he taught Spanish at Memphis State for 22 years. After retirement, he returned to his passion for travel and languages, volunteered, and enjoyed being a grandfather, or "Babo", as affectionately called by his grandchildren. As a child of the depression, Franklin Roosevelt, his hero, instilled in him an abiding desire to help the "least amongst you" most evident in his charity, volunteer work, and marching in solidarity with the black community following the Martin Luther King assassination. He was preceded in death by his wife Amparo and leaves his two sons, Ted and Ben (Linda), his two grandchildren, William and Maria, and many friends and cousins. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff at the Ave Maria home for their compassionate care while Frank resided there. A memorial mass will be held at St. Louis Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 6, 2017. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Memphis Union Mission.



Tribute Wall

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Jackie White posted:

Dear Ted, Ben and Linda and other members of the Brantley family— I am saddened to hear of the death of Frank, but so glad that he died peacefully. I enjoyed getting to know your family from the time your mother was at Ave Maria through all the Sundays I was able to share in the Eucharistic celebration in the Chapel. I didn't know all of the particulars of your father's life and after reading his obituary, I see that he was quite a "free spirit" and truly had some talents he shared all over the world. I'll bet he had some great stories to tell through the years! Please take care and I will remember your family in my thoughts and prayers. I have to work and won't be able to attend his funeral Mass, but will think of you tomorrow as you lay your father to rest. If your schedules allow, know that you are welcome to come and join us in the Ave Maria Chapel anytime. God bless all of you.....Jackie White (cantor and "go-fer" for whatever is needed at Mass)

March 5 at 4:32 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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