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Bradford H. Rice, 97 of Memphis passed away June 14, 2016. He was born December 5, 1918 in New Haven, CT and graduated from Yale University in 1941. He served in the 45th Field Artillery Bn./8th Inf. Division during WWII. He worked 24 years with International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce in Memphis. After retiring he worked with International Enterprises, Nile imports and was a Memphis representative for Language Services. He volunteered with Memphis In May from 1977-1990 and was a member, past president and director for Mid-South Exporters Roundtable. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary Grace Burnette. He is survived by his children Alan E. Rice of Memphis, TN and Barbara Burnett of Montpelier, VT. The family will receive friends on Saturday, June 18 from 12-2 pm and a graveside service will immediately follow with U.S. Army honors at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38119. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar, Memphis, TN 38119. "Celebrating Life.....Behind the Stone Wall". His obituary will be posted as soon as it becomes available



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Darlene posted:

Brad & I met at The Memphis Jazz and Blues Club meetings in the early 80's. Brad, a group of friends, and I enjoyed many a Sunday afternoon filled with the sounds of Dixieland Jazz. In 1987 I moved to Little Rock, AR. Brad, Mary & I stayed in touch and Brad visited me and my late husband several times. Of course these visits were filled with the Jazz sounds around Little Rock, AR. Brad and Mary came to my wedding when I remarried in 1998. Several weeks later, to celebrate our wedding, Brad and Mary met us in St. Louis, MO for a weekend Jazz festival. Friends of my husband and me that lived in St. Louis joined in on the musical festivities. We all had a big time and I was sorry to see Brad and Mary head back to Memphis. After my Dad, who lived in Memphis, passed away my trips to Memphis became far & few between. But Brad and Mary and I stayed in touch. I recall how devastated Brad was after Mary's passing. Brad had lost his lifelong love of his life and soulmate. I feel very fortunate to have known Brad, and my life was certainly enriched by our friendship and the fun we had listening to wonderful Dixieland Jazz. Brad and his love Mary are now reunited. That is a comforting thought as I mourn the loss of my very good friend Brad Rice. My deepest condolences to the family at this difficult time. Darlene Patterson

June 18 at 11:21 AM



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