

Birth: Jan. 11, 1929
Lafayette
Lafayette Parish
Louisiana, USA
Death: Dec. 30, 2015
San Francisco
San Francisco County
California, USA

William Daudet Baptiste, Catholic, born January 11, 1929 in Lafayette, Louisiana and passed from this life, December 30, 2015 in San Francisco, California. William was the son of an immigrant father (native to Martinique, West Indies) and his mother, Clementine LaCasse) was native to Louisiana where William was born. William's mother raised him and his younger sister, Vesta, in Vallejo, California following his father's death.

William, interested in education, attended Vallejo College where studied art, played on the football team and became a distance runner on the track team. Then he joined the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War serving as a Staff Sergeant (draftsman), and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He married and moved to San Francisco and attended the University of San Francisco and earned a Bachelor's Degree in mathematics. He marched for civil rights in the 1960'S with the San Francisco chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (C.O.R.E.). He went on to earn a master's degree from San Francisco State University and a second master's degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

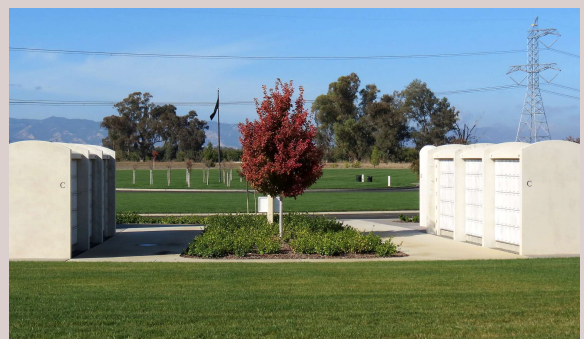
During his career he worked as a draftsman at San Francisco City Hall, a statistician for the State Compensation Insurance Fund, as well as, with computers for General Electric, IBM, Control Data, and Moffett Field. Later, he found teaching as his calling and taught at the old Vista College (now Berkeley City College), the University of California, Berkeley, the University of San Francisco, and most recently, City College of San Francisco where he was a computer science instructor until 2013.



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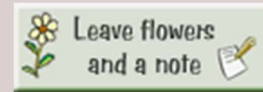


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Throughout his life, William enjoyed the arts mastering classical and Spanish guitar and performed in small recitals. He was a lifelong painter and sold his work at art shows and his paintings hung at galleries in North Beach and Sausalito.

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As a young man, William ran races as a long distance runner in events in San Francisco and the Greater Bay Area. Also, he remained a lifelong member of the San Francisco Dolphin Swim and Boat Club and the SF Guitar Society. Bilingual, speaking French and English, he had membership in the SF French Society and other societies to name a few. His late friend Archie Briggs once told William, "people will be glad someday that they stood in your shadow." Now ever inspired, his daughter adds: "His was a soul we are lovingly grateful came our way."

Bryant Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

We remain enlivened by the achievements, brilliance, zest for life, and understanding smile. Dad, you are forever in our hearts always in all ways. You will be remembered from sunny Saturdays to still winds on Sundays. San Francisco and the very world will not be the same without you."

William Daudet Baptiste is succeeded in life by his daughter, Vivian, son-in-law, David, and grandson, Ian, extended family and loving friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, ex-wife, Beverly June Lawrence, also, his younger sister Vesta Dominique Baptiste Skinner.

Inscription:

BAPTISTE
WILLIAM D
SSGT USAF
KOREA
1929 - 2015
LOVING FATHER
GRANDFATHER
& FRIEND

Burial:

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California, USA
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