



Richard Nolan Boneno

October 1, 1924 - March 8, 2024

Richard Nolan Boneno passed away on March 8, 2024 at the age of 99. A native of Garyville, La., he was the son of the late Anthony N. Boneno and Mamie S. Boneno, brother of the late Luke A. Boneno and the late Mary Dorothy Boneno, brother-in-law of the late Anna Belle Dupre Boneno. He is survived by nephews Barry Boneno and Gary Boneno, Nieces Patricia Gilleland and Pamela Justice, many great nieces and nephews and his friends and caretakers Bill and Diane Hodges. A veteran of World War II, he served 1 year in GENED, an Army Corps. of Engineers group under General Douglas MacArthur, Commander of U. S. Armed Forces in the Far East, organized specifically to rebuild the war-torn city of Manila, arriving in the Philippines during the battle of Manila south of Japan when the atomic bombs were dropped ending WWII. He received his B.A. Degree from Southwestern at Lafayette, his M.A. Degree in Art Education from LSU. He did further work in the Art Dept. of Colorado University at Boulder, and at three summer sessions with Louisiana Tech in Rome, Italy. He taught at Leon Godchaux High School in Reserve where in 1954 he began the first scheduled art class in the St. John Parish school system. As a member of the Carnival Ball Committee, he designed several backdrops for the yearly balls. During a Sabbatical at LSU he taught classes on an Assistantship in the Art Dept. Following the fire that destroyed Leon Godchaux high he taught at East St. John until retirement. His paintings and prints were exhibited at the Baton Rouge Art Guild and many state and regional shows, and he is represented by a Collagraphic print in the

Louisiana State Art Collection in Baton Rouge. During his teaching career he wrote sixteen articles on school art projects illustrated with his students' art work which were published in three national school arts journals. With a life-long interest in travel and photography he visited and took photographs in many countries in Europe, Africa, and South America. In 1965 he returned to Manila to visit the area where he was stationed during the War. From there he continued on a world tour, traveling from Japan through India to Israel and Egypt where he went down into King Tut's Tomb before ending his trip at the World's Fair in New York City. When China opened the country to western tourists, he was among the first Americans to visit many inland Chinese cities. He later won first prize in a national contest, a trip to England, with a photo he had taken in Beijing.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service at Millet-Guidry Funeral Home, 2806 W. Airline Hwy, LaPlace on Monday, March 18, 2024. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the Funeral Service to immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. Burial to follow in the the Boneno family tomb in St. Peter Cemetery, Reserve, LA.

To share memories or condolences please www.milletguidry.com

Cemetery Details

St. Peter Cemetery

1550 Hwy 44
Reserve, LA 70084

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Millet Guidry Funeral Home
2806 W Airline Hwy
Laplace, LA 70068
(985) 536-7700
info@milletguidry.com
<https://www.milletguidry.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Millet Guidry Funeral Home
2806 W Airline Hwy
Laplace, LA 70068
(985) 536-7700
info@milletguidry.com
<https://www.milletguidry.com>

Tribute Wall

BH

“ I never had the pleasure to meet Richard. In 1973 I was a freshman art student at LSU and while visiting an exhibit of Louisiana artists in Baton Rouge I saw Richard's collagraph "Is there no sanctuary". It left such an impression on me that I contacted him and asked if I could buy a print out of his edition. Not long after an artists proof arrived by mail has been framed and on my wall for the past 50 years. He asked nothing in return and his generous gift still leaves an impression.



Bob Holcombe - March 23, 2024 at 01:02 PM

AG

“ Richard was a colleague of mine at Leon Godchaux High School and East St. John back in late 1970's. He and I clicked from the first day I joined the staff. Even though I remembered him as a teacher when I attended LGHS, I never took any of his art classes, too busy being a Sugarette! His artistic talents were always admired by students and staff. I am certain that he inspired many students and instilled in them his love for art. He encouraged students to be creative and original. He touched many lives in his art department. After I left Louisiana, Richard and I kept in contact by yearly Christmas cards and occasional letters and phone calls. I loved his phone calls and will truly miss hearing his stories and adventures. He always reminisced about our time spent at LGHS and relived his travel escapades. I was always amazed at his detailed and vivid memory for his 99 years. He would remember stories that I had forgotten long ago. I told him often that he was amazing! Rest in peace dear Richard and I hope you visiting with all your family members that you have missed for many years.

Anita Granier - March 19, 2024 at 05:44 PM

BH

He talked of you often Anita. I could feel your love for him when we talked. Thank you very much for the wonderful memories you shared with Richard and with Diane and I. God Bless.

Bill Hodges - March 20, 2024 at 09:43 AM

CB

“ Mr.Boreno brought out the creativity in me during my attendance at Leon Godchaux Hi-1970-1971 in his amazing Art class.... I drew a silhouette and won ... it was later displayed on an easel in our school's Library for viewing.... He was proud of my work... Thanks Mr. Boreno for your teachings.



Cynthia Johnson Bardell - March 17, 2024 at 08:20 AM

CB

*Correction:
Mr. Boneno*

Cynthia Johnson Bardell - March 17, 2024 at 08:22 AM

G“

“*As a student of his in the mid or late 60s in Reserve. I have wonderful memories of sitting in his class watching his home made videos and day dreaming of being there in the places his visit. Later in live I was able to been stationed in Europe and done some traveling that part of the world and having the memories of sitting in his classes back in high school. He was one wonderful teacher that I will always remember throughout my life. He made a difference in a lot of us life's . My best case in school . It was more of an interesting history class than art. In the long run it made my time in the service so must more interesting in my travels. May God Bless him for all the good he done to people like me , that had the opportunity of having him in my life that made my lift better.*”

George Migliore aka “Magoo” - March 15, 2024 at 06:23 PM

BH

Thanks for sharing your memories. We were his caretakers for many years and we have heard many of his stories about his students Bill and Diane Hodges

Bill Hodges - March 20, 2024 at 10:00 AM

CC

“ *Your loved one left a legacy of special things,
Acts of kindness, friendships, and happy memories.
Your loved one touched so many lives, and may it comfort you
To know that special memories live on with others, too.
Should you need us for support please don't hesitate to call*

*Chaplain Rita King-Chadwick
Bridgeway Healthcare & Hospice
4333 American Way
Baton Rouge, LA 70816
Phone: 225-753-1495*

Chaplain Rita King Chadwick - March 12, 2024 at 12:05 PM

BH

*Thank you Rita.
Bill and Diane*

Bill Hodges - March 20, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Richard Nolan Boneno.*



March 11, 2024 at 04:20 PM

RS

“ When we would come to visit our Brother and Sister-in-law and nieces and Nephews we always loved to see Richard. He was always so nice and had the most enthralling tales and life stories. A really nice man. We will miss him very much. We considered him as family! God Bless you Richard you will be missed.

Rodney and Joan Stevens

Rodney Stevens and Joan Stevens - March 09, 2024 at 02:29 PM

BH

Thank you. I know how Y'all enjoyed his stories. Love you.

Bill Hodges - March 11, 2024 at 07:19 PM

JM

“ *REST IN ETERNAL PEACE in the Loving Arms Of Jesus, Mr. Boneno.*

*Jan Ambrose Morici
CLASS OF 1969*

JAN A MORICI - March 09, 2024 at 12:10 PM

BT

“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow, my sincere condolences.*



Bernell Tassin - March 09, 2024 at 05:27 AM

BH

Thanks Bernie

Bill Hodges - March 11, 2024 at 07:30 PM

SM

“ I am so saddened at the passing of Richard N. Boneno. My thoughts and prayers extend to family and friends and all who had the pleasure of knowing this man. I never had the pleasure of speaking with him but shared a passion for genealogy. Through my many readings of him and about him, I felt I had come to know and appreciate his many talents. I had always hoped to share time with him. Those who have were blessed. May God bless him and welcome him with open arms. His contributions to the betterment of our lives were many and he will long be remembered, loved and missed!!

Susan Ann Montelius - March 08, 2024 at 05:22 PM

BH

I wish you could have spent time with him and hear some of his many stories. By reading your message I know that you would have enjoyed spending some time with him.
Bill and Diane Hodges

Bill Hodges - March 11, 2024 at 07:28 PM

MM

Mr. Boneno inspired my love of art and art history while I was his student in 1970. I always found his class so interesting because of his excitement about everything art.
May he rest in eternal peace .

Mona Martin Middlebrook - March 14, 2024 at 11:17 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Millet Guidry Funeral Home - March 08, 2024 at 04:23 PM