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Residence

William J. Brazill Jr

Alexandria,VA

Age 81 Date of Birth 12/19/1935

**Date of Death** 02/11/2016

## Obituary / Death Notice

With immense sadness, we announce the passing of William Joseph Brazill, Jr. on February 11, 2016. Professor Brazill was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on December 19, 1935, son of William Joseph Brazill, Sr. and Gertrude Agatha Johnson Brazill. He attended Pittsfield public schools, graduated as valedictorian of Williams College in 1957, and earned Masters degrees from the University of Minnesota and Yale University and a PhD. from Yale University. Professor Brazill taught at Amherst College, Williams College, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University. After spending years in academia, Professor Brazill came to realize that truth lies in fiction and spent his days living and writing on the banks of the Potomac. He authored "The Young Hegelians" and "After the Cold War: Old Problems, New Agendas," and was the creator of @InstantFiction on Twitter, which had a wide following. A world traveler and man of Irish wit and charm, Professor Brazill loved music, reading, and social media. He enjoyed fine food, Irish whiskey, fine conversation, sunrise walks on the beach in the Outer Banks, and spending time with his grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents and older brother John. He is survived by his beloved wife Elizabeth Morrissey Brazill, daughter Maura Catherine Brazill Allen, son-in-law David Merrill Allen, daughter Caitlin Agatha Brazill, daughter Elizabeth Deirdre Brazill, grandchildren Abby Smith and Brendan Joseph Smith, the Dianko family in Senegal, including his namesake William, nieces and nephews, and friends around the globe. In lieu of flowers, we request that donations be made to Missionaries of Charity, 2800 Otis St. NE, Washington, DC. (202) 269-3313 Upcoming Events Visitation Feb 16. 9:20 AM 10:20 AM St. Patrick's Catholic Church 619 10th St. NW Washington, DC, US for the Visitation Guaranteed delivery before William's Visitation begins. Service Feb 16 . 10:30 AM St. Patrick's Catholic Church 619 10th St. NW Washington, DC, US for the Service Guaranteed delivery before William's Service begins.

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