



## Robert LeRoy Bannerman

March 10, 1921 - June 13, 2018

Robert LeRoy Bannerman, 97, native of Whiteville, NC, died Wednesday, June 13 at his home in Bloomington, Indiana. He was born March 10, 1921, the son of Robert Quince Bannerman and Mary Elizabeth Boney Bannerman.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Rita Hesketh Bannerman, whom he met in England while serving with the US Army Air Force during World War II.

An accomplished media writer/producer, he was an Indiana University Professor Emeritus in Broadcast Education and author of both fiction and non-fiction books dealing with events he experienced during his lifetime, including the "Golden Age" of radio, WWII military events, and desegregation of the American South.

He is survived by his son, Mark Andrew Bannerman and daughter-in-law, Mary Louise Bannerman of Whiteville, NC, and grandchildren, Robert, Michael and Emily Bannerman.

A graveside memorial service will be held in Whiteville on a future date. Commemorative contributions may be made to the LeRoy Bannerman Scholarship in Innovative Audio, IU Foundation, or the First United Church, Bloomington.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Comments

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“ He was a student favorite in the Radio-Television Department of the 60's. I was honored to be a member of The Producer's Guild, his tip of the hat to students who showed an interest and possibly some talent in Radio Production. God Bless.

Edward A Ziel  
BS 1962

Edward A Ziel - July 25, 2018 at 11:24 AM

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“ Professor Bannerman was one of my favorite teachers. I not only remember his classes that I was privileged to attend, but I remember him as a kind and accessible instructor. He made me feel good and important. Thank you, Professor Bannerman. Bob Pawlik, '62.

Bob Pawlik - July 24, 2018 at 09:15 PM

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“ Professor Bannermans enthusiasm and deep abiding love for radio drama had a lot to do with me ending up in the world of daytime drama in New York. I regret not having had the chance to tell him that in his life, but wished thank him for it now, and send my prayers to the surviving family. He was a great man and influential educator

gary donatelli - July 24, 2018 at 11:43 AM

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“ So sorry to hear he's gone, but I'm glad he had a good long life. I'm very grateful I had him as a professor around 1986, when he offered a wonderful "Golden Age of Radio" class. His passion for radio was sincere and apparently contagious...I'm still working in radio 30-some years later! Thank you Professor Bannerman. Rest in peace. -Dean Metcalf, BA '89

Dean Metcalf - July 24, 2018 at 11:26 AM

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“ Mr Bannerman was one of the sweetest and most kind hearted man I've ever got to meet. I feel so blessed that I got to know him and want to say thank you for being such a sweet soul. I can't even express how much you will always mean to me. May you Rest In Peace my friend and know that you loved by many. You will always be my sunshine love you Mr

**Brenda** - June 22, 2018 at 11:43 PM

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“ It's been 60 years but seems far less since my introduction to radio production by Professor Bannerman. He was passionate about the subject matter and wanted every student to share the enthusiasm. It was an honor to be a friend of his in adulthood. I admired him so much, especially for his interest in writing novels into late life. My wife and I enjoyed being with others to help him celebrate his 90th. Our sympathies to all of the family. (Ken Beckley, BS '62)

**Ken Beckley** - June 21, 2018 at 11:46 AM

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“ Dear Mark,  
Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. Professor Bannerman was a delightful human being: courtly, thoughtful, and full of deep intelligence. My life was enriched by knowing him over the years. I will always be grateful for the day he walked into my office a few decades back to ask some advice about a book he was writing. That he stayed in touch till the end was a miracle for which I thank him, and thank you for making it possible.  
With fondness,  
Lauren Robel

**LAUREN ROBEL** - June 19, 2018 at 10:41 PM

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“ Quite an amazing man, you will be missed dearly. I have sat for hours and listened to his stories. Thanks for the memories, my friend. Matt

**Matt Doering** - June 19, 2018 at 11:07 AM

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“ Rest in peace, Waif Sr.....many fond memories...

**Lance** - June 17, 2018 at 08:47 PM