



Emilio Renaldo Bianchi

August 18, 1916 - October 18, 2012

Lt. Col. (RET) Emilio Renaldo Bianchi, 96, of Salisbury, a veteran of WWII and Korea, passed away Thursday, 18 October.

Emilio or “B” as he was known to family and friends was born August 18, 1916 and grew up with five sisters and four brothers in Southington, Connecticut. He graduated from high school in 1933 and worked various jobs in construction and civil engineering including working in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) building the Merritt Parkway in Connecticut. “B” enlisted as a private in the United States Army in January 1941 and rose to the rank of Sergeant before being selected for Officer Candidate School (OCS) and being commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in October 1942. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps and detailed to the Corps of Engineers and served as Engineer officer in support airfield construction, including the twin 8,400 foot runways on the island of Guam, in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He continued his career through the Korean War, where he was awarded the Chung Mu with Gold Star by the Republic of Korea, and various other assignments including Fort Wainwright, Alaska, Thule, Greenland, Fort Bragg, NC, Verdun, France and Fort Belvoir, VA. His awards include the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Defense medal. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He retired from active duty in September 1962 and returned to Salisbury, where he started a residential construction/realty business. He then moved to

Alexandria, VA and began a career as a Civil Engineer with the District of Columbia, ultimately becoming a project manager for schools, police stations, and fire stations, for which he was named an Honorary Fire Chief. He retired in 1988, after 20 years' service and returned to Salisbury in 2001.

"B" is survived by his beloved wife and friend of 68 years, Frances (Fran) Goodnight Bianchi of Salisbury, his sisters, Agatha Mangini of Wallingford, Connecticut and Florence Santillo of Lake Worth, Florida, his sons Michael and wife Linda of Charlotte, NC, Emilio and wife Ann of Huntsville, AL, and daughter Ellen Ferguson and her Husband Kevin of Alexandria, VA, as well as eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his sisters Bernadette Bianchi of St. Petersburg, Florida; Alice Abraham, of Danbury, CT and brothers, Dominick Bianchi, Anthony Trotta, Julio Trotta and Frank Bianchi and his dearly loved daughter Brenda.

"B" was known for his sense of humor, his intelligence and his love for family. He and Fran established an annual one week family beach trip in 1987 for their children and grandchildren, which continue today. He and Fran are long-time members of John Calvin Presbyterian Church, in Salisbury.

Visitation: 1:00pm, October 23, John Calvin Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Service: 2:00pm, October 23, John Calvin Presbyterian Church, 1620 Brenner Ave, Salisbury, NC 28144

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to Rowan Hospice & Palliative Care in Salisbury, 720 Grove Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Bianchi family.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Aunt Fran and Family, I was deeply saddened to hear of Uncle Milo's passing. I want to express sympathy to you all. Uncle Milo's wit, intelligence and incredible sense of humor will be sorely missed. He was my favorite Uncle, and will be in my memories always. With Love, Albert###imported-begin###Albert Mangini II###imported-end###

October 22, 2012 at 11:53 PM



“ Dear Aunt Fran, Michael, Emil, Ellen and families

Words can not express the loss we feel for you, our love and God's blessings to you and you families.

Uncle Milo will be greatly missed. I have been reading the wonderful letters and photo's he has sent my Mom over the years, she cherished every one of them. Uncle loved his family and and we loved him.

Our love and prayers are with you all.

This has been a very hard year for the Bianchi family and we will keep them all in our prayers.

RoseMarie and Gene###imported-begin###RoseMarie and Gene Davio###imported-end###

October 22, 2012 at 03:00 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathies to Uncle's family. Regretfully, I did not know him very well, but still always regarded him as the hub of the Bianchi family. After reading this, I have come to know, however, that he passed from this world as he lived it: with honor and dignity and loyalty to his family and his country. love, aggie###imported-begin###aggie strong###imported-end##

October 22, 2012 at 11:51 AM



“ Dearest Aunt Fran, We are with you in spirit and certainly lift you all in our prayers. Uncle B was most beloved and will be missed from our family and all of our lives.###imported-begin###Anne &Wayne Jones###imported-end##

October 22, 2012 at 10:49 AM



“ Aunt Fran, Mike, Emil and Ellen - our thoughts and prayers are with you. Uncle will surely be missed - we already had missed his visits to CT in the last few years. Uncle always had "assignments" for me and I loved doing them for him, whether it was go to his homestead in Southington, CT to see if it was still there or to find a family member - he always made it interesting. He was a good man - he was proud of his family and his extended family and we were proud to call him Uncle.###imported-begin###Rosanne & Michael###imported-end##

October 21, 2012 at 11:06 PM



“ We think of you often. Have many fond memories of both of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your wonderful family. He was so proud of them and am sure they will miss him and his words of wisdom.##imported-begin##Andy & Barbara Amatrudo##imported-end##

October 20, 2012 at 12:51 PM



“ Rest in peace Unk for you were one of the good ones. You made it easy for Dad when you came out, he never stopped talking about you coming to see him. I am truly sorry that we couldn't be there for you. Aunt Fran God Bless you Sweetheart. as per your wishes will send donation to Hospice Love Bob & Lois##imported-begin##Bob & Lois Trotta##imported-end##

October 19, 2012 at 07:15 PM