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## Bernard J. Brungs, 68; soldier, politician, teacher and musician

Bernard J. Brungs was the kind of person historians call a Renaissance Man.

He was soldier for 20 years, a self-taught musician, a politician, a student of international law, a teacher and a sports manager.

"He was interested in sports. He was interested in music. He was interested in everything," said his brother, Joseph Brungs of Independence.

But mainly, "he was just a wonderful, unique human being who loved everyone," his brother said. "He spent so much time helping other people who had problems - relatives, friends - he loved people so much."

Bernard J. Brungs, 68, of Covington, died Friday at University Hospital in Cincinnati.

He was a 20-year Army Reserve veteran who was inducted during World War II and rose to the rank of colonel.

"He was assistant intelligence officer on the staff of Gen. Omar Bradley," Joseph Brungs said. In that job, Brungs was on the planning staff of the First Army, the group that engineered the Normandy invasion.

He also participated in the Battle of the Bulge.

Before the war, Brungs taught at the old St. James High School in Ludlow. After the war, he attended Georgetown University in Washington, where he received a doctorate in international law.

He never married.

"When he came back from Georgetown, our mom was very ill," his brother said. "He said, 'Mom has done so much for us,' and he spent most of his time taking care for her until she died.

"To him, family was everything."

Bernard Brungs twice was elected to the Covington City Commission, from 1952 to 1956.

"He was always interested in what he referred to as public duty - if you saw a job to do, you had a responsibility to go and do it," his brother said. "Politics and all - he loved the job."

Bernard Brungs never studied music formally, but played the clarinet. He was a band director at St. Xavier High School and at Xavier University. He

was a founder and organizer of the Catholic Theatre Guild, where he directed operettas, his brother said.

He was a manager of amateur and semi-pro baseball teams.

In addition, Bernard Brungs was a tour guide for his parish, the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption. He was president of the parish council, a member of the parish's Holy Name Society, and a former member of the Bishop's Choir, Covington.

Other survivors include brothers, Robert Brungs of Crestview Hills and Clifford Brungs of Edgewood; a sister, Florence Brungs of Covington; a friend, Ann Cetrulo of Cincinnati; several nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Cathedral. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. tomorrow at Henry Linemann Sons Funeral Home, Covington. Prayers will be there at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Ft. Mitchell. Memorials are suggested to the Cathedral Memorial Fund, 9 East 12th St. Covington.