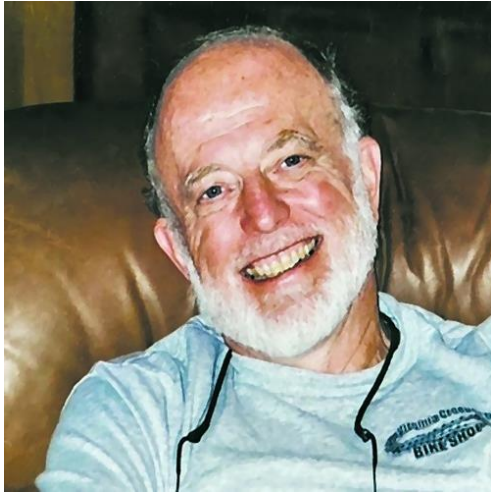


# William Rodier Obituary

October 21, 1942 - December 18, 2023



William "Bill" Ignatius Rodier III died at the Adler Center for Caring in Aldie, Virginia after coping with dementia for several years. He was the oldest of four children born in Bronx, New York to William Ignatius Rodier Jr and Martha Marie Stoelting.

After rowing for the New York Athletic club during high school, Bill entered Virginia Military Institute where he ran track and with his usual discipline running became part of his life. At VMI he earned a BS in Chemistry followed by an MA in Psychology from Hollins University and a Ph.D in Psychology from The University of Virginia.

The following two years he served in the Viet Nam War. Promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain, he commanded a civil affairs platoon of ten specialists and several senior enlisted men. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

Returning to Charlottesville, Virginia Bill completed a variety of 'Post Docs' built around the study of endocrinology and psychology. Subsequently, he spent a year contracting with USAID in seven countries around the developing world, researching the acceptability of a new supplement for children, pregnant and lactating mothers.

Taking stock of his experiences and interests, Bill then joined the CIA as an analyst in what was the Political Psychology Division in the Directorate of Intelligence. In the early 1980's he was asked to lead the Directorate's Insurgency analysis which he did for some years. Another career turn came when he joined the Directorate of Operations where he served throughout Africa and the Middle East. Unsurprisingly he was one of the first to go into Afghanistan after 9/11.

Always retaining a love for the Army, he accepted an appointment to The Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania as Senior Intelligence Representative from 1995-1998. As a member of The Department of National Security and Strategy he helped integrate intelligence issues into the curriculum. The Commandant of The Army War College awarded him A Superior Civilian Service Award for exceptionally meritorious service after Bill's efforts helped prove instrumental for the College being recognized as the Army's center for strategic thought.

Bill completed his professional career when requested to serve as the De Serio Chair of Strategic Intelligence for the academic year 2011 at the Army War College. Bill viewed the Army War College as another great institution much like Virginia Military Institute in its dedication to disciplined learning and thinking.

Bill will be missed greatly by his wife, Karen Walborn, his siblings, other family members and friends. He leaves us with his dry sense of humor, many kindnesses, and a deep commitment to patriotism. Services will be held at a later date.

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