

Note on Albert Bildner's passing  
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The Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies mourns the passing of Albert Bildner, whose many interests in Latin America led to the founding of our Center 30 years ago.

Albert made a difference in the lives of many people. To those fortunate to work with him at the Center, he was mentor and friend, as well as benefactor. We miss him greatly and somehow find some comfort that he will always be in our thoughts.

Albert had a long and full life. He had a passion for Shakespeare and Mozart, as well as for Spanish and Latin American literature and culture. Early in his life, his studies at Yale and his summer of 1937 visit to Mexico brought out his love of art and politics. He was greatly attached to Brazil, where he lived for twenty years and launched successful business ventures. His last event at the Bildner Center was one revisiting the work of Diego Rivera. To the end, his piercing mind was engaged in his widely ranging interests that also included social science and all forms of knowledge.

We mourn today and will miss him forever. We also celebrate a life fully lived and are thankful for the many lessons he gave us and for working with him to explore many issues in the study of the Americas.

We send our deepest condolences to his devoted wife Lin and son Max.

*"Good night sweet prince:  
And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!"*

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