

Brington Myllemngap , General Secretary of the UU Northeast India, known to many as the Khasi Hills Unitarians recently died peacefully surrounded by family. A gentle and warm presence at ICUU meetings, 'Bah Bring' brought a quiet dignity to everything he did.



Brington Myllemngap and Pearl Greene Marbaniang in Oberwesel

Brington Myllemngap was born in 1936 and got his BA degree from Guwahati University in 1960.

From a humble beginning in 1961 in the government service he gradually rose to retire in 1995 as the Deputy Secretary of the Community & Rural Development, Government of Meghalaya. He had also served as the Secretary of the State Electricity Board and an election officer in the government. He held a few other top posts in the State Government. He became active in the activities of the Unitarian Union of North East India since 1980 — holding several key posts in the course of time, such as Secretary of the Advisory Committee, Social Service Committee, HKS Library Committee, etc. He was also on the Finance Committee of the Union, and ultimately became its General Secretary in August 1995, the post he held till his last breath. He will be remembered for his hard work and dedication to the service in the Unitarian Union. His local church at Madan Laban, Shillong, gave him the Lifetime Achievement Award on September 18, 2007 when the Union celebrated its 120th Anniversary, in recognition of his great love and hard work for his faith. Mr.

Brington was also closely associated with many schools and colleges in the city as well as with several NGOs.

A soft-spoken man with integrity was greatly loved by all sections of the community. His voluntary involvement with the Kharang Rural Center, local Sports & Cultural Club and other social groups was remarkable. He was also the President of his Myllemngap clan. Mr. Brington was largely instrumental in prevailing upon the State Government to declare our Founder's Day (18th September) an official holiday.

A quiet man when he lived, Brington died quietly. It took him only about ten seconds to pass on to the next higher life. He was well loved and highly respected by one and all. Everybody in the neighbourhood lovingly addressed him as "Uncle", even his contemporaries. He was father not only to his own three children but to hundreds of orphans who always looked up to him in times of need. He was so kind-hearted that nobody who came to him for help would go away empty-handed.

A Catholic priest who knew him well, after offering prayer over Brington's mortal remains, had this to say to us; "Whenever I hear of Unitarianism I associate it with only one man-and that man is Brington Myllemngap. He had lived his life well, was pious and devout, broad-minded, and he died for the cause of the faith he loved so much and proudly proclaimed to the world, and now he is in the House of God". So great was his selflessness that he never once complained about the illnesses that were slowly eating away into his vital organs. He worked and worked tirelessly from six o'clock in the morning till late at night and still had time for everybody including his family. I salute him!

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