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24 December 1986**OBITUARIES****EDWIN ATLEE BUCHANAN,**

76, a retired CIA official who became president of commercial sales for the DeRand Corp., a real estate development company in Arlington, died of cancer Dec. 23 at Arlington Hospital.

Mr. Buchanan, who lived in Arlington, was born into a missionary family in Kobe, Japan. In 1931 he graduated from Maryville College in Maryville, Tenn., and then returned to Japan to teach. Later in the 1930s he moved to California.

During World War II, he was an officer in Naval Intelligence and served in the Pacific. After the war he was the U.S. Naval attache in Canton, China.

In 1949 Mr. Buchanan moved to the Washington area and joined the CIA. He remained with the agency until retiring in 1969. He received the Intelligence Medal of Merit for work in connection with U.S. prisoners of war and persons missing in action in Vietnam.

Later Mr. Buchanan worked for a number of real estate and investment firms in Northern Virginia. He had worked for the DeRand Corp. since about 1980.

Mr. Buchanan was a member of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, the Washington Golf and Country Club and the Japan-America Society of Washington.

His first wife, the former Katherine Jeannette (Jane) Blythe, died in 1956.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Bailey Buchanan of Arlington; two children by his first marriage, Kay Blythe Buchanan Stamer of Catskill, N.Y., and Judith Atlee Buchanan Sprague of Princeton, W.Va.; one stepson, James Martin Brewbaker of Columbus, Ga.; two sisters, Mary Wilson Buchanan Holmes of Midland, Tex., and Ruth Agnes Buchanan Briggs of Easton, Md.; two brothers, Donald Whittet Buchanan of Santa Cruz, Calif., and Dr. Walter William Buchanan of Mammoth Lakes, Calif., and eight grandchildren.