

Bill Ling, 82, 'Daddy Of Local Baseball,' Dies

William A. (Bill) Ling, 82, retired realtor and a popular I figure in baseball here during I the early 1900s, died today at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital. She lived at 930 Locust St.

His last public service was as a member of the city board of equalization in 1963 and 1964.

Born at Griffith Station in Daviess County on Jan. 31, 1885, Ling attended public schools in that area until his father died in 1902. He then went to St. Louis and got a job at the World's Fair.

In 1907, Ling entered professional baseball with Leavenworth, Kan., in the Western Association League. The following year, he played first base for Columbia, Miss., of the Cotton States League and in 1909 was with Monroe, La., of the Arkansas State League.

While with Monroe, he showed his sense of humor which earned him the title of the "Ring Lardner of the Bushes."

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