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Frederic K. Benedict, Jr, 95, of Croton, passed away Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at Royal View Retirement Community in Canadian Lakes with family by his side.

He was born March 19, 1923, in Big Rapids, the son of Frederic Sr. and Lillian (Nurmi) Benedict, and graduated from Big Rapids High School in 1941. In 1942 Fred joined the U.S. Army Air Corp, and was stationed in France during WWII.

Honorably discharged from the service in 1945, Fred went to work as a machinist with his father at Benedict Manufacturing in Big Rapids, where he eventually rose to become President of the company. Fred grew the manufacturing business by producing parts for the auto industry, and was a supplier of hose fittings to the U.S. Navy ship building programs. He continued to work for Benedict Manufacturing until his retirement in 1988.

Fred's favorite place to be was at his home, "The Shack" on Croton Pond. He spent many hours caring for his beautiful landscape, and would always welcome visitors to sit and chat, while enjoying the beautiful view of the Muskegon River. Fred was an avid snowmobiler and took several trips to the Upper Peninsula with family, friends, and customers. He will long be remembered by family and friends for his generosity and caring heart.

He is survived by his brother Jack (Nerita) Benedict of Scottsdale, AZ; two nephews, Tom (Marian) Benedict and Mark (Maridee) Ryan; three nieces, Jill (Ron) Aye, Kelle (Brad) Snavely, and Carolyn (Randy) Holmes; and several great nieces and nephews. Fred was preceded in death by his parents, his lifelong companion Barbara Bloomquist in 2003, sisters Mariam Ryan and Helen Hood, and nephews, Fred Ryan, Robert Hood, and Charles Hood.

At Fred's request , there will be no service. Memorial contributions in his name may



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be made for Royal View Assisted Living or Great Lakes Caring Hospice. Care and arrangements are entrusted to the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids.



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SB

Sandra J Brogan posted:

I met Fred a few years ago through a mutual friend. He was always gracious, friendly and caring, with a sharp sense of humor. He loved watching the birds and activities on the "Pond" and I know would have wanted to die peacefully looking out h

January 5 at 8:00 PM

BW

Beth And Jim Woudenberg lit a candle in honor of Frederic.

Fred Benedict was 100% class, gracious, caring and a very sharp wit. He will be remembered and missed by all that knew him, of which their are many. Rest in peace, you are not forgotten.

January 5 at 8:00 PM



MB

Mary Kay Ariss Bethune lit a candle in honor of Frederic.

My deepest sympathy to your family on Fred's passing. My parents knew Fred well and so enjoyed his visits to the Dairy Queen. I remember well the kind words on his many contributions to the Big Rapids community.

January 5 at 8:00 PM



PS

Peter Strom lit a candle in honor of Frederic.

Please accept my condolences to the Benedict family upon hearing of the passing of this great man. His service to our country and our communities will not soon be forgotten. I had the pleasure of meeting "Uncle Fred" (that was how he introduced

January 3 at 8:00 PM



JT

Jim Thelen posted:

Much gratitude to Fred and the Benedicts. My sincere condolences to all the family. May Fred rest in peace.

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Shawn Macfarlane posted:

Fred was a true Gentleman and will always be remembered fondly.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frederic by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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