



Philip Benedick

April 19, 1926 - May 8, 2018

Philip Earl Benedick, age 92, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Tuesday morning, May 8, 2018, at the Hospice of the EUP - Hospice House. Philip was born on April 19, 1926, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to the late Herbert and Julia (Monroe) Benedick. He attended Sault High School before serving his country in the United States Army during World War II. He spent most of his time in the South Pacific on the island of Saipan preparing for an invasion of Japan that was never needed. Philip married Elma Laaksonen on December 24, 1947, at St John's Lutheran Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was a life member of the VFW Post #3676 and worked for Consumers Power in Flint for 34 years. Philip was an ardent fan of the Soo Indians and later the Soo Eagles Hockey teams. Recently, when the Soo Eagles remodeled their locker room at the Pullar, they named it after Philip and Elma Benedick. He enjoyed traveling and going to Florida for the winter, as well as, watching hockey and football on TV. Philip will be sadly missed by family, friends, and the hockey community.

Phil is survived by his wife: Elma Benedick; two sons: Steven (Theresa) Benedick of Suttons Bay, MI and Randy Benedick of Lake Ann, MI; and twin granddaughters: Nichole (Randy) Summerville of Chicago, IL and Rachel Benedick of Denver, CO. Philip is also survived by his sister: June Diehl of Columbiaville, MI; three brothers-in-law: Ray (Patricia) Laaksonen of Oscoda, MI and Will (Nora) Laaksonen of Onancock, VA, and Al (Robbie) Laaksonen of Ludington, MI; three sisters-in-law: Dea Augustson of Rudyard, MI, Irene

Soderblom of Greenville, SC, and Velma (Jack) Langland of Cedar Spring, MI; and many nieces and nephews.

Philip was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters: Shirley Somes, Ethel Dietz, and Audrey Benedick; a brother-in-law: Edward Laaksonen, and a sister-in-law: Bertha Dannenberg.

According to Philip's wishes, cremation has taken place and no public services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be left to: Memorial Scholarship Fund, C/O Soo Eagles Hockey, P.O. Box 1432, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or Hospice of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am a long distant cousin of Philip and I just want to say I'm very sorry to learn about the death of Philip, I really wish I could have found and made contact with him before he left.

Stacy Thomas - June 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Yesterday was Memorial Day. I remembered my Dad because he was a scared 19 year old on the island of Saipan getting ready to invade Japan. A bombing to end the war prevented him and many more from having to do that. That was the kind of guy he was. H'ed do something because that was the right thing to do. That's what he taught us. Also to be respectful of everyone, work hard and don't ever want something for nothing. Work was the way you provided things. He worked hard and was a friend to those he worked with. He was a friend to everyone. He could strike up a conversation and chat with you like he knew you for ages. I saw him do this many times at the casino while waiting for Mom. Everyone who knew him liked him too. He never had a bad word for anyone or made you feel anything but good when you were around him. I loved him and respected him and I believe he taught me all the good things in life that I should know. A lot of times I didn't listen but found out sometime later that I should have. I miss Dad and will continue to miss him until we meet again. He was a regular guy, he wasn't famous or wealthy but he was everything he needed to be to be my hero. I love you Dad, we'll meet again.

Steve Benedick - May 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Blessed to have had a wonderful Uncle, Love & Peace always...

Jill P Sweat - May 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Rest in Peace Phil.*

Tony Wizauer - May 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM