



Mary Catherine "Cathy" Benedict

July 24, 1926 - January 2, 2018

Mary Catherine "Cathy" Benedict died January 2, 2018.

Cathy was born on July 24, 1926 in Cleveland, Ohio to Maude and Edgar Gustafson. She graduated from Wellesley College in 1948. On August 7, 1950 she and John David Benedict were married. They raised their family in Birmingham and Troy, Michigan.

In the 1960s she began a career in computer programming and systems design. With her love of solving puzzles she enjoyed twenty five years of this work, developing software for banks nationwide. Besides solving puzzles, she loved to read, watch birds and travel. She and Dave retired to Holland, Michigan, where they enjoyed the natural beauty and good people of southwest Michigan. She was an enthusiastic member of HASP, the Audubon Club, First Presbyterian Church, the Nature Conservancy, and the Scholarship Committee at Freedom Village. She was especially gratified to work with this last group, helping to give staff the opportunity to gain educational training and pursue their life dreams. She loved meeting the many who applied and celebrated their success in the years that followed.

Cremation has already occurred, and a memorial service will take place at 10am on Monday, January 15, 2018 in the auditorium of Freedom Village. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Resident Scholarship Fund at Freedom Village. She is survived by her children Steve, Ruth (Jonas Taub), Paul (Susan) and Alan, and grandchildren Emily and Aaron Taub, Elizabeth and Rebecca Benedict. Through each of them, her legacy survives.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Catherine "Cathy" Benedict*

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“ *"May Cathy be at peace with the Lord and her hubby Dave. It has been many years since I saw either of them but I remember her warmth and laugh when Paul and I would walk into their house with our stories of the days events and of course with some filtering. But we were youngsters working on our refining our ways. A true gracious person. God bless. Rest In Peace."*

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