



William "Bill" Bailey Benedict

August 26, 1931 - December 23, 2023

William, "Bill", Benedict, age 92, of Zeeland, MI and formerly of East Brunswick, NJ, passed away Saturday, Dec 23, 2023.

William was born in South River, NJ on August 26, 1931. He graduated high school at Plainfield Academy in 1951 and attended 2 years of college at Washington Missionary College. He worked various jobs as a contractor and spent his last 25 years at the Bound Brook Board of Education maintenance department in NJ, retiring as lead supervisor. William was an author of poetry and proudly published 7 books. He was a longtime member of the Lake Nelson Adventist Church in Piscataway, NJ. William moved to Zeeland, MI in 2015 to be closer to his family. William was a supportive husband, father and grandfather. He loved writing poetry, working in his garden, going to his favorite NJ diners, spending time at the Jersey shore, and sharing his NJ stories.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Yola Benedict in 2015.

He is survived by his sons Bryan (Amy) and Martin (Joy) Benedict; grandchildren Brittany, Austin, Kaylee, and Ethan; sisters-in-law Joann Benedict, Arlene Benedict, and America Meier; and extended family.

Memorial services will be held at the Holland Seventh-Day Adventist Church,

11279 Ottogan St, Holland, MI 49423 on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 2:00 pm.

In William's honor, memorial contributions may be donated to the Lake Nelson Adventist Academy at <https://lakenelsonadventistacademy.org/>

Burial to take place in Zeeland Cemetery

www.yntemafh.com

Cemetery Details

Zeeland Cemetery (Felch Street)

10101 Felch Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Holland Seventh Day Adventist
11279 Ottogan St.
Holland, MI

Tribute Wall

DF

“ My family and I have been blessed by Bill in so many ways, from tasting the wonderful vegetables he grew with Bryan, to his poetry books, to the stories of New Jersey and the ocean! Bill always brought a smile and a story to church and I will miss those. I look forward to hearing them again when our Lord returns.

David Fenwick - January 12, 2024 at 09:37 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Bailey Benedict.



January 05, 2024 at 09:36 AM

GB

“ Bill was a kind and reliable man who was committed to the well-being of his family, his Lake Nelson church and the Lake Nelson school. Bill loved writing poetry that was easy to read and easy to understand. He will be missed by many.

Gary and Marilyn Blair - January 04, 2024 at 02:22 PM

KS

“ A great person of faith ! He was always smiling and I enjoyed his friendship !

Karl Sawyer - January 04, 2024 at 09:52 AM

EM

“ At Lake Nelson Adventist Academy we cherished Mr. Benedict. He was not only a firm believer of Adventist Education but wholeheartedly gave off himself and contributed in any way he could to Lake Nelson School, now Lake Nelson Adventist Academy. Before leaving New Jersey, he shared with me a number of the poems he published to share with the students. They have been used as a literary source at Lake Nelson's high school English classes.

He is missed greatly by the Lake Nelson Adventist Academy community fortunate enough to have known him.

Be comforted by the fact that the seeds he planted will bear fruit in heaven and for eternity.

Sincerely,

Elisa Maragoto

Lake Nelson Adventist Academy

Principal

Elisa Maragoto - January 02, 2024 at 12:32 PM

CC

“ William, Bill was a good friend to the Christoffers family I Carolyn, remember him as always helping others and did a lot at Lake Nelson School. Bill was often seen doing jobs inside or outside the school. He was loved by many from Lake Nelson SDA Church as well. I have fond memories of Bill. I know he will be greatly missed. Sincere Love and condolences to the friends & family! Love,
Carolyn

Carolyn Christoffers - December 31, 2023 at 04:07 PM

BB

Carolyn, I wish I knew all the contributions he made with his time and work spent at Lake Nelson. I know he did a lot there but he wouldn't always share it, especially when we were younger. Years later, he mentioned some of what he did, like landscaping stuff. Thank you for sharing memories of him. Wishing you and your family well in the new year. With love, Bryan (and family)

BBenedict - January 01, 2024 at 07:38 PM

CW

“ *Bryan and family,
Thinking of you during this very difficult time. Hoping all the wonderful memories you've made can bring you comfort now and in the future.
Chris and Chad Willis*

Chris Willis - December 29, 2023 at 02:30 PM

VP

*Bryan and family,
So sorry for your loss. He was a kind man and his garden was amazing! Praying for comfort and peace during this difficult time.
Gregg, Vesna, Luke and Jasmine*

Vesna Patterson - December 30, 2023 at 05:38 AM

BB

Thank you Chris and Chad!

Thank you Greg, Vesna, Luke and Jasmine! Very difficult losing you dad as you know.

BBenedict - January 01, 2024 at 07:14 PM