

Gerard P. Benedict "Gerry"

Newark – Gerard Paul Benedict, 65, died on Friday, May 11, 2012 following an accident in the Catskill Mountains.

Family and friends may attend a Memorial Service on Thursday, (May 17) at the Park Presbyterian Church, Maple Court, Newark at 7 p.m. There will be no prior calling hours.

In memory of Gerry, in lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the CCE Wayne County Master Gardener Program, 1581 Route 88 North, Newark, NY 14513; Finger Lakes Trail Conference, 6111 Visitor Center Rd, Mt. Morris, NY 14510; or to Center for Donation and Transplant, 218 Great Oaks Blvd., Albany, NY 12203 or by visiting www.cdtny.org

Gerry was born the son of Rev. Dan and Edith (Andrus) Benedict on September 10, 1946 in Oneida, NY. After college Gerry served in the Peace Corp in India for 3 years. He was a Biology teacher for 35 years for Midlakes Central High School. He was a member of Park Presbyterian Church where he served as a Deacon. Gerry was an avid volunteer in his retirement: he helped at the Newark Food Closet, he had attained Master Gardner Status and he was a frequent blood donor for the Red Cross. He donated his liver and kidneys after his death. Gerry was a member of the Ontario Finger Lakes Bee Keeper Assoc, Master Gardeners of Wayne County, and the Finger Lakes Trail Conference (FLTC) Alley Cat Crew. The day of his accident, he was volunteering for the FLTC clearing trails in the Catskill Mountains. Get to know more about Gerry and his interests at his blog:

<http://www.chendrashakersworld.blogspot.com>

Gerry will be remembered by his loving wife of 41 years Susan (Van Wyk) Benedict; sons Todd (Denise) of PA, Jason of TX and Ian (Amber) of Macedon; daughters Shannon Benedict, Jana (Andre) Benedict-Karjohn and Cara Benedict all of FL.; 2 grandchildren Nolan and Braylan; parents Rev. Dan and Edith Benedict of Newark; brothers Rev. Dan Jr. (Mary O.) of Hawaii, Dexter (Faith) of Penn Yan and Steven (Linda) Benedict of Newark; sisters Becky (Bob) Bialaszewski of Newark ; Ruth (Jerry) Rose of Penn Yan, Rachel (Alan) Doan of Penn Yan and Esther (Norma Anderson) Benedict of TX; and many other members of his extended family.

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