

Frederick B. Bevis

December 3, 1934 - February 20, 2018

Let Us Pause To Honor the Memory of

Mr. Frederick Bredbeck Bevis

Mr. Frederick Bredbeck Bevis, age 83, of Hanover, Indiana formerly of West Olive, Michigan entered this life on December 3, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan. He was the son of the late Donald and Gertrude Farley Bevis. He graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan, and he received his Masters of Science in Biology from the University of Michigan in 1962. He was first united in marriage to Lorraine LeDuc in 1957 and this union was blessed with three sons, Jeffery, Richard, and Kenneth, and two daughters, Cynthia and Kerri. Fred was a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Forestry at Michigan Technological University from 1962 to 1964. He went on to being a founding faculty member of the Biology Department at Grand Valley State College (now University), hired in 1964.

He gave his life's vocation to Grand Valley.

Fred valued the out-of-doors and this was evident through his teaching and leading field trips to the Smoky Mountains and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

His boisterous and larger than life personality was a source of inspiration and humor to family, friends and students alike.

He and Lorraine were divorced in 1971, and Fred remarried Katherine Kress in 1972.

They had no children.

Although Fred retired from teaching in 1995, that did not slow him down.

He continued to be an active participant in emeritus activities at Grand Valley.

Cycling became a new hobby after retirement with trips down the Natchez Trace, Mississippi River Trail, and the Lewis & Clark Trail.

He always kept a log book filled with such detailed information



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Occupation: Professor

as daily weather and the wildlife he saw.

Fred was an enthusiastic birder, participating in many annual bird counts and a long-time member of the Audubon Society.

Yellowstone National Park was a place dear to his heart and he had visited there "67 times" in his life.

After the passing of his wife Kathy in 2014, he moved to Hanover to be near his son, Professor Kenneth Bevis.

Fred and his adopted family made trips to Alaska, Norway, and Scotland. He especially enjoyed connecting with his grandsons, Isaac and Owen. He attended their weekly music lessons, concerts, and loved listening to them practice at home (violin and piano). He died peacefully on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 12:35 a.m. at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, Indiana with his family at his side.

A LOVING FAMILY

Fred will be missed by his loving sons, Kenneth and his wife, Sharon of Hanover, Indiana; Richard Bevis and his wife, Michelle of Denver, Colorado; his loving daughter, Kerri Zeinstra and her husband, Karl of Zeeland, Michigan; four grandchildren; and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Bevis, his mother, Gertrude Farley Bevis, his brother, Greg Bevis, his infant daughter, Cynthia Bevis, his eldest son, Jeffery, his wife, Katherine Kress Bevis, and the mother of his children, Lorraine LeDuc Bevis.

MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Fred had requested to be cremated and his ashes scattered in the Beartooth Mountains near Yellowstone.

A celebration of life service will be planned at a later date in Michigan.