



Francis "Frank" DeBenedittis

July 30, 1939 - December 30, 2020

Francis (Frank) DeBenedittis, 81, passed away on December 30, 2020 after a brief battle with cancer.

Frank leaves behind his loving wife of 60 years, Agnes (Allie), sister Carol Sanfilippo (New York), and 6 surviving children: Tom DeBenedittis (Ocala), Kathy (Mike) Timcho (The Villages), Kevin (Kathleen) DeBenedittis (New Mexico), Dawn (David) Keller (South Carolina), Paul (Mary) DeBenedittis (The Villages) and Gayle (Mark) DiCicco (Missouri). He was preceded in death by 3 daughters: Krisann (1973), Beverly (1994) and Teresa (2019) and 1 granddaughter, Sarah DeBenedittis (2007). In addition to his wife and children, Frank leaves behind 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Frank was raised in New York and graduated from high school in Brooklyn, New York and then joined the Air Force. He spent 12 years in the Air Force, including a tour in the Philippines. After leaving the Air Force, Frank went to work with the FAA as a civilian air traffic controller for 25 years and retired in 1996. While raising a family and working full time, Frank completed his BBA at Mercer University (Atlanta) in 1978, graduating Summa Cum Laude and was very proud of that accomplishment.

Frank was an athlete his entire life and loved the game of baseball, bowled in multiple leagues for over 50 years, and developed a passion for golf when he

retired. He was happiest on the golf course and loved golfing with family and friends wherever and whenever he could.

Prior to moving to the Villages in 1996, Frank lived in Griffin, Georgia for over 20 years, where he and Allie were active serving and working in their community. They spent the last 26 years in The Villages enjoying retirement, making friends, and spending time with family.

Condolence cards can be sent to Allie DeBenedittis at: 5867 E. County Rd 466, Apt. 1055B, The Villages, FL 32162.

Visitation will be at Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake on Sunday, January 3, 2021 from 1:00-3:00pm with the funeral service immediately following in the chapel at 3:00pm. Burial services will take place in Griffin, Georgia on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at Westwood Garden Cemetery at 2:00pm. Due to restrictions with Covid-19, masks will be required.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angel Flight Southeast, where Frank volunteered for many years, online at www.angelflightse.org or via check sent to:

Angel Flight Southeast
8864 Airport Blvd
Leesburg International Airport
Leesburg, FL 34788

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“ Dear Family,
We will certainly miss seeing Frank go out each morning in his golf cart. Frank was a wonderful neighbor to us. Bless your soul. May God wrap a blanket of comfort around your shoulders during this sad time. So glad we spent time in conversation with Frank during October.
Love,
Your friends and neighbors
Peggy and Lee Benjamin

Peggy and Lee Benjamin - January 03, 2021 at 01:58 PM

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“ Sincere condolences to Frank's family. We have been so blessed to have known him Frank was a fun guy to be around we enjoyed his stories and adventures he would tell us about. We also had the pleasure to golf with him he was one good golfer. We will miss him when we visit the villages again this year. Our thoughts and our prayers are with his family.
Pete and Bonnie DeMay

Pete and Bonnie DeMay - January 02, 2021 at 09:11 AM

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“ Frank was a great neighbor, friend and golf buddy. He will be dearly missed.

Joanne & Hank Phinney

Joanne H. Phinney - January 01, 2021 at 05:46 PM

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“ *He will be missed; he was a true friend which we played golf. I really enjoyed playing golf with Frank; partially because he was the only guy that I ever met that started golf so late in life yet made it look so easy. We could always count on him to show up, rain or shine; 30 degrees or 90 degrees.*

Frank Cabbage - January 01, 2021 at 04:58 PM