## LIFE MEMBER BILL BENEDICT PASSES

We members of the GWC were stunned and deeply saddened to learn of Bill Benedict's passing on February 12, 2026, just a few weeks shy of his March 15th 81st birthday.

Bill was a US Navy Vietnam veteran, a stationary engineer, a family, sports and car guy, a GWC Life Member, and a genuinely good guy.

I was fortunate to have worked with Bill at Sully nearly every year since I joined the club 30 years ago. I worked especially close with Bill in the dozens of years I was involved in running Sully, judging at the show, and sometimes both.

At the celebration of Bill's life on the 28th of February at the Sterling United Methodist Church, it was obvious that the vacuum Bill has left was not only in the GWC, but in Carol's life and the lives of his family, his church, and his friends.

Bill and Carol were a tight team in marriage and life, and a focused and well organized registration team that brought all the cars to Sully. Together "Team Benedict" mailed out hundreds of registration brochures and then sorted and organized the hundreds that came back with car and driver information and a check. Each registration identified a driver and a car, requiring annotation in Bill's registration book, information he then passed on to the judging team so that they could prepare a parking and a judging plan. Bill's book was then used to assemble the hundreds of unique registration packets that, on Sully morning, would be handed to each car as it arrived at the show field. These packets included information on where to park, a dash plaque, a pre-purchased show pin, and sponsor information. Most importantly, these packets were used by team Benedict's old car parking team to park each car in its assigned location. With upwards of 400 cars on the show field, this entire registration and parking effort on the day of the show was a monumental task that had to be completed in 2 hours. But the unflappable Team Benedict always got it done. Year after every year we counted on Bill and Carol to reach out to our show cars, get them registered and get them on the show field. And year after year, Team Benedict did not disappoint.

Please keep Carol; their children, Lisa (Carl) Maine and Aaron Benedict; his grandchildren, Jacob Maine, Caden Maine, Michael Maine, Ellie Maine, Brian Benedict and Cody Benedict in your thoughts and prayers.

In the military you might hear: "If you want to know how much you'll be missed, pull a handful of water out of a bucket and look at the hole you left." In Bill's case, he emptied the bucket; he's that rare person who'll be deeply and truly missed.

Jim Gray
Sunshine Chair

Bill's obituary can be viewed here: https://www.adamsgreen.com/obituaries/William-Harrison-Benedict-Jr?obId=47250138

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