

Tight Lines to Bud Crudder

By Al Haxton

Long time Michigan Fly Fishing Club member, and a close personal friend, Bud Crudder passed away Tuesday December 28 of a massive heart attack. Bud was truly one of those personalities that enter our lives infrequently and make a lasting impact. He was a true lover of this sport, and was always excited to be "going fishing." He had fished widely in not only Michigan but also in Florida, Colorado, Canada and the Caribbean. Lately he had been developing a love of fishing the salt water for not only bonefish but also tarpon and other saltwater species. Having fished with Bud over the past few years I can vouch for his unlimited generosity in sharing not only his vast knowledge but also his equipment. When fishing with Bud I always knew that I had the correct fly, because if I didn't have it in my fly box, then he had it in his. With that great smile and the twinkle in his eye he loved the game that is fly fishing. During our frequent fishing trips I learned much about the puzzle of fly fishing, and Bud was a master of teaching. I shall miss him terribly this next season, and will think of him often when on the stream.

