

Frederick Charles Bantle Obituary

Frederick Charles Bantle left this life for the other side on Monday, November 13, 2023.

Fred graduated from L'anse Creuse High School in 1965. He played the clarinet in the school band, where he met the love of his life, Margo Ann Schmidt. They were married on July 17, 1971, three days before his 24th birthday. Together they enjoyed traveling, riding their motorcycle, and spending their winters in Silver Springs, Florida.



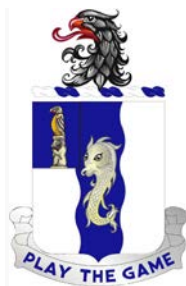
Fred enjoyed fishing and going to deer camp with his large group of friends, where they all slept in tents, cooked over an open fire, and ate better than they did at home until the lure of sunshine and palm trees drew him to spend his winters in Florida.

Fred was a proud charter member of The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 154. He proudly served in the US Army with Company D of the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry Regiment from 1966 to 1968, where he served under the 1st Cavalry Division, 4th Infantry Division and 173rd Airborne Brigade. He rose to the rank of Sergeant E5. While serving in Vietnam and was awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces and the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in clerical flight.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Army, he worked for Ford Motor Company for 32 years, retiring in 2000.

Fred is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years Margo Ann, his brother-in-law Charlie (Janet) Schmidt, and a large host of loving extended family members. He is preceded in death by his parents Wendell C. and Evelyn J. (Milner) Bantle.

Fred was laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.



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