



# Fred E. Bentley

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“**F**iner than frog hair split five ways!” Fred would say when asked how he was doing, and we believe, if asked today, this is what he would say. His "Fredisms" kept us smiling.

Fred E Bentley, our funny, kind, compassionate, loving and generous husband, father, Papa, brother, uncle, friend and hero passed away peacefully in his home in Syracuse on August 23, 2024, with his adoring wife by his side.

Fred was born in Bridgeport, Ne on July 8th, 1942, to Helen and Junior Bentley. He grew up in Garden County NE, graduating from High School in 1960 and enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1961. Fred married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Brune in 1965. They had two sons. Fred had a successful career as an airplane mechanic, Flight Engineer, and in the USAF Reserves at HAFB until he retired in 2001. Fred liked hunting, fishing, boating, golf, a good laugh, shooting the sh\*t, a good whiskey, a soft Hawaiian shirt, comfy shoes and loved a cold beer with friends and family. Fred enjoyed trapshooting and was a dedicated lifetime member of the Golden Spike Gun club.

Fred is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara; his son: Mark of Clearfield; his son Jeff (Toni) of Syracuse; his grandchildren: Ashley Shelton, Kelley Ledesma (Chris), Sarah, and Colton; Great Grandchildren: Liam, and Emmy. Fred is also survived by his brother Don Bentley (Peg) of Oshkosh NE; his sister Diana Fetters of Oshkosh NE; sister-in-law DeeAnn of FL; many nieces, nephews and extended family; and honorary son, Chris Reid (Tiffany) of Syracuse UT.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Rod and Duane, and sister Linda Dormann, niece Susie Rouse and nephew Scott Fetters.

A private memorial will be held at a later date.



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Please share your condolences, stories, photos or videos, and Fred-isms with the family at [www.premierfuneral.com](http://www.premierfuneral.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Howard Peterson** posted:

Fred hired me into the 508 TFG and set me on my way to a life long career. He was a great boss and made coming to work fun. Rest in peace!

September 6 at 4:04 AM



**Gary Leske** posted:

A really nice guy gone. There will never be another Fred.

September 4 at 10:00 AM



**Wally Craggs** posted:

Fred and I had too many good times to list. We weren't close for the last few years, but I'll always remember the good times we had!Wally

September 3 at 5:37 PM



**Jeff Holstad** posted:

Raise the Flag my friend....us 🇺🇸 🇺🇸

September 3 at 5:07 PM

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**DW** **Don Weyland** September 6 at 10:01 AM  
Fred was one of A kind Sorry to hear of his passing

**MS** **Martin Swenson** September 6 at 6:20 AM  
Back in the good old days Fred was one of the good old boys.

**RM** **Ron Meacham** September 6 at 4:24 AM  
I liked Fred, a good guy. I remember a lot of good times with Fred



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Fred by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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