



## Fred Epling Bouchard

January 9, 1942 - March 13, 2015

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Fred Epling Bouchard, 73 years old of Hammond, passed away in Covington, La. on Friday, March 13. He was born in Al Hambra, California, on January 9, 1942, son of the late Frank Bouchard and the late Thelma Epling Bouchard. Fred served in the Air Force, Army Reserves, and Air National Guard, retiring after 33 years with the rank of Master Sergeant. He also was a teacher for 33 years, his career spanning from the Sheltered Workshop, Kentwood High School, and Southeastern Louisiana University. Fred taught welding, foundry, and materials and processes. After retirement, he volunteered at TARC and the Louisiana Special Olympics, where he was honored as state volunteer of the year in 2002. Fred was an avid hunter and outdoorsman who enjoyed the hunt almost as much as the friends he made on the deer stand or in the dove field. He met the love of his life, Judy, and they married in New Orleans at St. Charles Presbyterian Church on June 8, 1963.

Fred is survived by his wife of 51 years, Judith (Judy) Graves Bouchard; daughters Beth (Damon) Ranftle of Ridgeland, MS, and Julie Bouchard, of Columbus, GA; and grandson, Devin Ranftle. He is also survived by his sister, Beth Bouchard (Jack) Mika of La Verne, CA.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hammond, on Monday, March 16, 2015 from 12 p.m. until the funeral service at 2 p.m. Interment will follow in Carter Cemetery. Pastor Barry Chance will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to TARC ([www.tarc-hammond.com](http://www.tarc-hammond.com)) or the Wounded Warrior Project ([www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Carter Cemetery

Carter Cemetery Rd.  
Springfield, La

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA  
12012 Highway 190 W  
Hammond, LA 70401  
(225) 567-1884

## Funeral Service

MAR 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Fred's passing. Mr. and Mrs. Bouchard are clients of mine and I have had nothing but good dealings with him for 24 yrs. He was a pleasure to speak to and discuss insurance, politics, guns and things like that with. My prayers are with the Bouchard family.

Sincerely,

Teresa  
(Teresa Sprague Theard)

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**Teresa Theard** - March 18, 2015 at 02:40 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to MSGT Fred Bouchard's family. I was and still am proud to have had a dedicated NCO with Fred's caliber working for me during my tenure as Commander of the 236th Communications Flight later to become the 236th Combat Communications Squadron. I am deeply appreciative for his unwavering dedication to the 236th, the Louisiana Air National Guard, and the United States Air Force. I will keep Fred and his family in my prayers.

Maxwell J. Desselle  
COL, USAF (RET)

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**Maxwell J. Desselle** - March 15, 2015 at 07:04 PM



Thank you for the kind words. Dad enjoyed serving.

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**Julie Bouchard** - March 16, 2015 at 07:18 AM



Heather  
Matheny

“ *Mr. Fred will never know the impact he had on Beau's life. What was supposed to be a job turned into a dear friendship. Beau looked up to Mr. Fred with such honor and he will always treasure the things he taught him. We feel honored to have known such a great man. Mrs. Judy, we are so very sorry for your loss. Please call if you need us.*

*Love,*

*James, Heather, Beau and Tyler Matheny*

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**Heather Matheny** - March 14, 2015 at 04:51 PM



*Dad really enjoyed knowing Beau. He was so happy to know such a smart, strong, helpful young man. We were so glad to know that Dad had such a great helper.*

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**Julie Bouchard** - March 14, 2015 at 06:35 PM