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CMSgt R Frederick Bates passed away on 14 June following a battle with cancer. Chief Bates had an illustrious and highly decorated 26 year military career in the Air Force with assignments in several overseas and stateside locations with U.S. Air Force Security Service and Electronic Security Command during the Vietnam and Cold War years. A recognized expert in the intelligence field, he was called upon to lend that expertise to several highly classified missions. Fred was a leader of men, epitomizing the core values of the AF. A tribute to the Nation. Following his retirement Fred was employed with SW Business Corporation in San Antonio. He was an avid golfer and loyal and proud UT fan. Preceding him in death is his loving wife Shirley, sister Ruth Marie Ewald and parents Fred and Mary Bates. Survived by children Sharon Striegl, Lori Brient and Darrell Blake; sisters MaryAnn Armendariz and Patsy Thornton; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He will also be missed by several close and dear family and military friends and his regular golfing partners and library companions.

Tribute Wall

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“ Chief Bates was my first Sergeant in both basic training (1981) and in my first regular duty assignment as a Law Enforcement Specialist in San Antonio (1982-1983). He was a good listener and really cared about his troops. - P Walkewicz

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