



## Alfred "Fred" Chabot

September 29, 1945 - September 11, 2020

Fred Chabot, 74, went home to be with his Lord surrounded by his family on Friday, September 11, 2020.

Fred was born on September 29, 1945 in St. Joseph to Alfred Sr. and Jeannette (Ossiginac) Chabot. He served in the Army from 1965 to 1967 during the Vietnam War. He then married Linda Erwin on October 4, 1969 and had four children. Throughout his life Fred enjoyed playing fast pitch softball, most of it with the Plangger's Furniture team in Benton Harbor. Over the course of his career he played in over thirty national softball tournaments all over the United States. Fred was also a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of Manistee, Michigan.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; sons, Brent Chabot and Browning (Kristin) Chabot; daughters, Heather (Todd) Hess and Paige Chabot; grandchildren, Ty (Katie) Hess, Bryer, Rylie, Clay, and Wayde Hess; Piper, Reese, and Josie Chabot; great granddaughter Skye Hess; sisters, Karol Ann Chabot and Marlene Davis; brother, Lee Chabot; nephews, James (Lori) Chabot and Joe Chabot; grandniece, Jacquelyn Chabot; grandnephew, Nathan Chabot.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at Lake Shore Cemetery in Hagar Township on Thursday, September 17 at 1:00 p.m. Instead of flowers, memorials may be made to; Berean Bible Institute P.O. Box 587 Slinger, WI 53086. Arrangements are by the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma.



# Cemetery Details

## Lakeshore Hagar Cemetery

Eaman Road  
Hagar Township, MI 49022

# Previous Events

## Service Celebrating His Life

SEP 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lakeshore Hagar Cemetery  
Eaman Road  
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## Military Honors

SEP 17. 1:30 PM (ET)

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## Burial

SEP 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RP

“ Chabot Clan, so sorry to hear about Freddy. He was always one of my favorites, watching him play with my dad and grandpa for so many years. Such a fierce and feared ball player, with such a jovial and bright personality. What a terrific patriarch for the Chabot family. I'm glad I got to see him a couple years back when I was in town and he stopped by the furniture store. I believe I gave his sister some old newspaper articles when I was in the Wightman office, and one was a spotlight of him and the Chabot family in the herald palladium. I hope she has shared them with you all. I will always cherish my days spent at the ballfields with the Chabots.

*His cowhide batting gloves were iconic.*

*“Little” Ricky Plangger*

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**Richard Plangger** - September 17, 2020 at 04:46 PM

SP

“ You will be missed Freddy. I grew up with you and all dads players.

*Scott Plangger*

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**Scott Plangger** - September 17, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alfred "Fred" Chabot.



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September 16, 2020 at 04:00 PM

LK

“ I have seen Fred sitting in his lawn chair at so many ISC,ASA and major club tournaments across North America. I always stopped to shake his hand and talk but never knew his name. Last year in Wisconsin he was perched near the foul pole in right field and I finally asked him his name. When he told me I said "How come you are always wearing that NY Gremlins hat?" He replied "Because they gave it to me" . He was one of the great fans of the game, I call them the 'fence sitters'...he was also a gentleman and loved to sit and watch, generally by himself but always studying the game. I am so sorry to hear of his passing, he must have been quite a man, both for his family and his country he was a hero. I told him last August I would look forward to seeing him this year and I would bring him another hat ! May God smile on Fred, and may he always have a lawn chair to watch the games from a better place. Sincere condolences to Fred's family, community of friends and the many soldiers who served beside him.

*Larry Lynch, Kitchener,Ontario, Canada*

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**Larry Lynch, Kitchener,Ontario,Canada** - September 16, 2020 at 09:52 AM

RP

Larry, unfortunately, it sounds like you only knew Freddy as the spectator and not the competitor. He was a world class first baseman and hitter for many of my family's Plangger's Furniture & Eagle Pak teams. Wow was he a fiery character on the field. Often causing quite to commotion and dust cloud on the diamond. But the most calm, cool, and collected man outside the fences. I would certainly say he would much rather be on the ballfield, then watching along the fence line. I assume he got the N.Y. Gremlins hat from Nick McCurry. The two of them and my dad were all very close friends and competitors.

*"Little" Ricky Plangger*

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**Richard Plangger** - September 17, 2020 at 05:40 PM

JW

“ To many to share. Literally thousands of games together playing Fastpitch Softball. He always had your back on the field. A true ambassador and warrior to our game. Going to miss swapping stories covering over 45 years of ball that we played. Rest In Peace Fred.

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**Jeff Weaver** - September 16, 2020 at 09:37 AM

BV

“ Karol Ann, so sorry to read of the death of your brother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of Fred's family.

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**Bonnie Cecchi Veverka** - September 16, 2020 at 07:57 AM

SW

“ I remember when my Aunt Lin and Fred started dating. My sister and I would hide when he came around because we were in awe of him. Because of them I have beautiful, caring and wonderful cousins. I really didn't get to spend a lot of time with him since we live in SC, but the main thing that I will miss is his wonderful smile and laugh.

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**Sandy Waleri** - September 15, 2020 at 11:24 AM

SC

“ So sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He would always help my grandmother, Geneva, with anything he could around her house growing up, and was a great guy. My sincere condolences to the family. He will be missed.

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**Steve Cook** - September 15, 2020 at 05:32 AM

BT

“ I’m his niece who watched him and Aunt Lin through dating years. I had the biggest crush on him. 😊 I thought they were the most beautiful couple! They were! He was the fun Uncle! Always taking us places and spending time with us. My heart is full thinking of him seeing my brother in heaven. They loved one another. ❤️ Prayers for my Aunt Lin and my cousins.

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**Becky Erwin Thompson** - September 15, 2020 at 03:08 AM

JO

“ Fred was my cousin and will be remembered always as a handsome, talented and caring family man. His building skills were amazing and his softball abilities helped to win many championships. He and Linda created a wonderful family and through them, Fred will always live on. Blessings to you all. 💕  
Jolene

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**Jolene O'Signac** - September 14, 2020 at 06:37 PM