

Police Chief Stanley Norbert Wilkymacky (1940-2016)

Stan was born July 22, 1940 in Cincinnati to Stanley C. and Maida S. Wilkymacky. He attended Central High School, excelling on the Bowling Team. After high school he became a meat clerk.



Stan joined the Elmwood Police Department during 1966. Near the end of 1971, Stan took command of the Department when the previous chief was indicted for federal gambling offenses. On February 1, 1972, he was appointed Police Chief and immediately went after the half-century gambling establishment in the village. During 1972, Chief Wilkymacky and his Mayor, with assistance of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, took on the job of eradicating the vice, sending defendants to Prosecutor Simon L. Leis, Jr. On November 5, raids resulted in the arrest of 45 offenders. By November 20, they were back in business and another 10 were arrested. In all, he and his department made over 275 vice arrests.

He was an outspoken and unconventional chief. He once blocked a railroad crossing with a village cruiser to get the attention of the railroad regarding unprotected crossings. He also had a fence erected to prevent walkaways from Longview from coming into Elmwood Place until a suit by the State forced him to take it down. He also was instrumental in the development of an enterprise zone in Elmwood Place and St. Bernard. He also headed the Elmwood Place/St. Bernard Explorer's post of Boy Scouts and established a drug alcohol program for the Elmwood Place/St. Bernard Schools. He retired during 1991 with 25 years of memorable service to his community.

After law enforcement, Chief Wilkymacky went into real estate and excelled there as well, joining the One Million Dollar Club the next year.

Chief Wilkymacky passed away Thursday, November 10, 2016, at the age of 76.

He was predeceased in 2013 by his wife of 25 years, Karen (Runk) Wilkymacky. He is survived by his sister, Sandy (Fred) Runk; brother-in-law, Jim (Viv) Runk; and niece and nephew, Dr. Dianne Runk and Dan (Megan) Runk.

Visitation will be held at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Hodapp Funeral Home, 6041 Hamilton Avenue. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Brookdale Hospice, 9090 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45242.