

# Police Officer Stephen Edward Martin (1919-2017)

Steve was born April 2, 1919 to James F. and Jessie (Heinis) Martin. James, a first-generation Irishman, owned a barber shop, and Jessie's father immigrated from France. Steve attended three years at Automotive High School 1933 to 1936.

Steve enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on April 10, 1939 and served during World War II. After 12 months of sea duty he served Military Police and Interior Guard duty. Platoon Sergeant Martin was honorably discharged on October 4, 1945 with a Good Conduct Medal.



Steve joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on June 1, 1950. He was promoted to Patrolman on September 1, 1950, issued Badge Number 289, and assigned to District 7 (813 Beech Street). He also served in District 4 (7017 Vine Street), District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue), Central Station (City Hall), Communications Section (310 Lincoln Park Drive), and District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue). Throughout his career, commanders commented on him and his performance using words like "reliable," "efficient," "methodical," "moral," and "upstanding." During his entire career, he never had so much as an at-fault auto accident. Officer Martin retired October 27, 1975 with 25 years and 8 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

He died October 26, 2017 at the Ridgewood Health Campus in Lawrenceburg at the age of 98½. At the time of his death he was the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest living retired Cincinnati Police employee, the oldest to have retired as a Police Officer, and the oldest to have served in Districts 2, 6, and 7, Communications, and Central Station.

He was predeceased by his parents and his siblings, Dr. James F. Martin and Elizabeth Naish. Officer Martin is survived by his children, Jodi (Arthur) Trester, Jr. and Jean (Jim) Fouch; grandchildren, Timothy Williams, Jodi Trester, Stephen (Christy) Trester, Arthur Trester III, Greg (Chris) O'Brien, Kelly (Andrew) Ewing, and Christopher (Mary) O'Brien; great grandchildren, Stephani Michaelski, Morgan Williams, Jakob Trester, Caleb O'Brien, Allison O'Brien, Ethan Gabbard, and Miles O'Brien; and former wife and friend, Joyce Mattan.

Visitation will be held 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2017 at Mihovk-Rosenacker Funeral Home at 10211 Plainfield Road. An FOP service will be held at 11:45 a.m. A funeral service will be held at Noon. Burial will follow at Rest Haven Memorial Park.