

# Chief James L. Bedinghaus (1933-2017)

Jim was born September 11, 1933 to Bernard J. and Cecelia R. (O'Brien) Bedinghaus. He attended Purcell High School where he was known as "Betes", participated in the band and radio club, and graduated in 1951. During high school, he served in the Civil Air Patrol and trained in observing and identifying enemy aircraft.

At 17, Jim enlisted in the United States Air Force June 12, 1951 during the Korean War. He served in the States in a clerical capacity. He transferred to the United States Army with an Artillery and Radio Operator MOS and was shipped to Germany. Corporal Bedinghaus was honorably discharged on June 16, 1954 with a NATO Ribbon.

During 1961, served in the Terrace Park Volunteer Fire Department



Patrolman Bedinghaus joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit, on January 14, 1963. He was promoted to Patrolman on April 22, 1963, assigned Badge Number 262, and assigned to District 6 (3295 Erie Avenue). He rotated to District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive) during June 1964. During February 1966, he returned to District 2. He resigned August 12, 1966.

By 1969, he was an Assistant Administrator at Juvenile Court (2020 Auburn Avenue) and served there at least two years.

He then joined the Montgomery Police Department and later retired as the Police Chief of Moscow, Ohio. During the late 1970s, Colonel James Bedinghaus was secretary-treasurer for the Clermont County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association.

Chief Bedinghaus was diagnosed with Lung Cancer. By July 18, 2017 he was under hospice care. He died on August 21, 2017 at 11 a.m., a couple of weeks short of his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Chief Bedinghaus is survived by his children, James L. Bedinghaus, Jr., John R. "Randy" Bedinghaus, Joseph Kevin Bedinghaus, Jon G. Bedinghaus, Jeffrey G. Bedinghaus and Jeron G. Bedinghaus; 21 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and sister, Lois Esswein.

Visitation will be held 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at [St. Margaret of Cortona Catholic Church](#), 6000 Murray Avenue, near Mariemont. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at the [Gate of Heaven Cemetery](#).