

Donald J. Boegeman P-76 (1934-2017)

Don was born May 15, 1934 to William, a millwright, and Dorothy Boegeman of Chase Avenue in Northside. He attended Central Vocational School graduating in 1950. He graduated from the United States Air Force Institute of Technology.

Don enlisted in the United States Navy on May 26, 1951, 11 days after his 17th birthday and less than a year after the beginning of the Korean War. He trained at Great Lakes Naval Training Center and shipped to Yokosuka, Japan. Engineman 3rd Class Boegeman was honorably discharged May 4, 1955, at the age of 20, with United Nations, Good Conduct, Occupation National Defense, and Korean Campaign Medals.

After military service, during 1955, he worked as a mechanic at Entner Oldsmobile on Spring Grove Avenue, then at Milford Texaco, and finally at Bob Williams in Milford.

Then, at the age of 21, on April 30, 1956, Don joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit. On August 13, he was promoted to Patrolman, issued Badge Number 76, and assigned to District 5 (1024 York Street). On November 3, 1957, he rotated to District 2 (314 Broadway). On June 22, 1958, he transferred back to District 5 (by then at 1012 Ludlow Avenue). During 1959, Patrolman Boegeman made an off-duty arrest of a



bank burglar near his home in Northside. During 1960, again off duty and near his home in Northside, using artificial respiration, he revived an infant whose bedroom was on fire and smoke filled. During 1963, Patrolman Boegeman was attacked by a knife-wielding domestic violence suspect and fended the attacker off with his night stick. After 13½ years in District 5, he transferred to Youth Aid Section as a School Resource Officer (SRO). During 1983 he received an annual Police Appreciation Award for "Police Work with Children." He retired as the senior SRO, on July 2, 1986 with 33 years of service to his country and community and 39 letters of appreciation and/or commendation including two from Police Chief Myron J. Leistler and Safety Director Ann de Groot.

Still intent on serving his community, Patrolman Boegeman joined the Cincinnati Public Schools Security Department. During 1994, CPS created six 2-member response teams to conduct daily random searches of lockers and name Patrolman Boegeman as the Response Team Leader. By 1999, his teams had found 16 guns and other illegal paraphernalia. He continued into the 21st Century, to Security Director, and served well past his 45th year of service.

A lifelong cigarette smoker, Police Officer Boegeman was diagnosed with Emphysema. During 2016 he was put on continuous oxygen. During March 2017, he suffered aspiration pneumonitis and never recovered. Patrolman Boegeman died, surrounded by family, during the morning of March 31, 2017 at 82¾ years.

He was predeceased by his son, William N. Boegeman (1996). Patrolman Boegeman is survived by his wife of 62 years, Juanita Boegeman; children, Sandy (Donald) Graf, Donald J. Boegeman, Jr., Dorothy (Dennis) Latham, and Renee (Richard) Sliter; daughter-in-law, Tracy Boegeman; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held 12 to 2 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017, at Spring Grove Funeral Home at 4389 Spring Grove Avenue. FOP services will be held at 1:45 p.m. Interment will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to The Shield.