

Sergeant Joseph F. Hazlett (1935-2017)

Joe was born on May 10, 1931, in Hamilton, the fourth child born to Jack F. Hazlett and Evelyn M. (Rosenfelder) Hazlett.

Joe enlisted in the United States Navy in 1949 and was honorably discharged after the Korean War.

Joe joined the Hamilton Police Department as a Patrolman on January 15, 1953. During February 1967, he was promoted to Detective and for 8 years handling crimes involving children and youths. On September 10, 1973, he was promoted to Sergeant. During November 1973, Sergeant Hazlett attended a Police Management Workshop and Hocking Hills Technical College. During August 1974, he was additionally hired as an instructor for Hamilton Public Schools Basic Law Enforcement Program and worked as a paraprofessional for 13 years. Sergeant Hazlett retired from the Police Department January 20, 1984 and later from Hamilton City Schools after having served his country and community a total of 38 years.



Sergeant Hazlett was also a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Fraternal Order of Police #38, Knights of Columbus #968, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1069, and was a Kentucky Colonel.

Sergeant Hazlett passed away at Jamestowne Rehab Center on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at the age of 86. Hamilton Police Chief Craig R. Bucheit established a 7-day mourning period for his Department and the wearing of the mourning ribbon from July 25 to July 31, 2017.

He was predeceased by his great-granddaughter, Sophia Jane Smallwood; son-in-law David Wise; and two sisters, Mary Caudill and Martha Sadowski. Sergeant Hazlett is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nancy J. (Clark) Hazlett; daughters, Diane (William) Smallwood, Suzanne Mehl, Jo-Ann Wise, Mary Anne Hazlett; grandchildren, Erin, B.J., Tim, Kari, Joe, Courtney, Allyson, Kenzie, and Jackson; 7 great-grandchildren; and brother, James M. Hazlett.

Visitation will be held 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at the Brown Dawson Flick Funeral Home, 1350 Millville Avenue. FOP and funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017, at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 171 Washington Street. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Burial Park.

Memorials may be sent to St. Joseph Catholic School or to the [American Heart Association](#) in memory of Sophia Jane Smallwood.