

Detective Jerry Franklin Keith (1942-2017)

Jerry was born June 8, 1942 in Covington to an automobile mechanic, Frank, and Elizabeth (Graves) Keith. After high school, he served in the United States Air Force during the buildup to the Vietnam War.

After military service, he joined the Kentucky State Police as a Trooper. He was promoted to Detective and among other cases worked on the 1977 Beverly Hills Supper Club fire. He retired in 1986 with 26 years of service to his country and community.



After retirement, Detective Keith built the Bluegrass Realty and Auction Company. He was also a founder and organizer of the Lloyd Wildlife Skeet Club, member and past master of the Crittenden-Dry Ridge Masonic Lodge #694 F & AM, and a 32nd degree mason of the Indra Consistory of the Scottish Rite in Covington.

Detective Keith died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 at his residence at the age of 75.

He was predeceased by his wife, Carolyn Elizabeth Keith, in 2014. Detective Keith is survived by his son, Jerry F. Keith, II and two grandsons, Evan Keith and Brayden Keith.

Visitation was held from on Friday, September 29, 2017 at the Eckler-McDaniel Funeral Home in Dry Ridge. Masonic services were also held. Burial with military honors occurred on Saturday, September 30, 2017 in the Riverside Cemetery in Falmouth.

Memorials are suggested to Trooper Island.