

Dispatcher James Theodore "Ted" Kerby (1944-2019)

Ted was born November 10, 1944 in Hamilton to William E. and Doris (Krauth) Kerby. He attended Ross High School and graduated in 1962.

He was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War and served in the Military Police as a Sentry Dog Handler at the Nike Missile Base in Wilmington.



About 1971, he joined the Miami University Police Department as a Dispatcher. He retired in 2000 with 31 years of service to his country and community.

Dispatcher Kerby also drove a bus for Reily School District and served as president on the Reily School Parents and Teachers Association. He was a member and past president of the Reily Historical Society. Dispatcher Kerby was also a member of the Reily Zoning Appeals board and served on the FMHA Board for 9 years. He was also very active in Butler County's 4-H program where he served as an advisor for 57 years; since he was 14. He spent 9 years on the county 4-H committee and served as president of the Butler County Extension Advisory Committee where he helped to establish the county endowment fund. In 1995, he was elected to the Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame and, in 2012, was given the Ed Zorn Memorial Award recognizing his dedication and volunteerism to 4-H.

In 1991 Dispatcher Kerby was elected to the board of trustees for the Southwest Regional Water District. He served on the State Water Board as well and held the position as president of both until the time of his passing. Ted also served on the Pork Producers Board for 9 years, and as president and congressional lobbyist for Farm Bureau and was also a former member of the Miami University C-PAC.

Dispatcher Kerby passed away on February 13, 2019 at Reid Memorial Hospital in Richmond, Indiana at the age of 74.

He was predeceased by his wife, Linda (Anderson) Kerby. Dispatcher Kerby is survived by his sons, Matt Kerby and Clint Kerby (Heather Allen); grandson David Lewis; siblings, Audrey Kerby, Phoebe Kerby, and Bill (Karen) Kerby; and significant other, Verna Fugate.

Visitation was held Monday, February 18, 2019 at Webb Noonan Kidd Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 19, 2019. He was interred at Reily Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Reily Township Fire and EMS.