

Colonel James B. Nieman (1931-2017)

Jim was born May 21, 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Nieman, Sr.

Jim enlisted in the United States Navy in 1950. By May 1951, he was stationed at San Diego. He was shipped out to the Korean War zone and served aboard the returned in September 1952 aboard the landing ship tank USS Chittenden Couth (LST 561). He returned to the States as an Engineman 3rd Class and the ship was given high naval commendations. He was honorably discharged during 1954.



After military service, Jim joined the Butler County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff. During the first of 1966, he changed to the Springfield Township Police Department as a Police Officer. In less than 1½ years, he was promoted to Sergeant.

On July 17, 1967 Sergeant Nieman joined the Forest Park Police Department as a Police Officer. He began shooting with his Police Chief, William Patrick, in competitive shoots and dominated locally. He was promoted to Sergeant again on January 1, 1969. During September 1969 he finished 10th at a national shoot in Jackson and his Chief finished 7th. In the two-man event, they finished 2nd.



During September 1973, Police Chief William Patrick resigned and Sergeant Nieman was appointed Acting Police Chief. By the end of 1973, he was appointed permanently to the post. Chief Nieman became ill during March 1986 and retired September 2, 1986 with 36 years of service to his country and communities. Stephen C. Vollmar, who was acting chief during his illness, succeeded him.

Chief Nieman died on October 2, 2017 at the age of 86.

He was predeceased by his brother, Paul Nieman Jr. Chief Nieman is survived by his wife, Shirley Nieman; children, James (Pamela) Nieman, Glenn (Lynda) Nieman, and Jennifer (Shawn) Crews; 8 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; sister, Jeane Vinson; and sister-in-law, Lois Whitfield.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, October 6, 2017 at the Avance Funeral Home and Crematory, 4976 Winton Road in Fairfield. A funeral service will begin at 12 p.m. Burial will follow with military honors at Arlington Memorial Gardens.