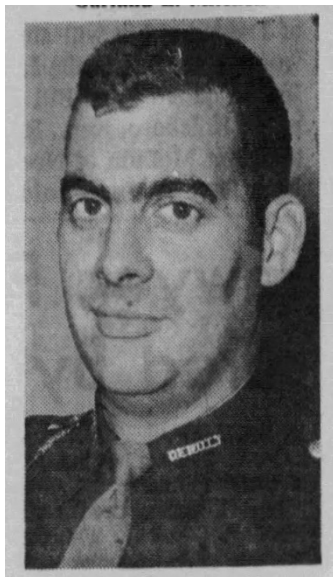


# Police Officer William Leslie “Bill” Spegal (1939-2017)

Bill was born February 8, 1939 in Dayton, Ohio to Russell W. and Sophia E. Spegal. He graduated from Talawanda High School in 1957.

After working a short time at a soft drink bottling plant, Bill enlisted in the United State Marine Corps. A year later, he sustained a neck injury and was honorably discharged.



Returning home, Bill opened a bicycle and sporting goods store. He sold the business 7 years later.

During August 1968, Bill joined the Hueston State Park Rangers. During October 1969, he joined the Preble County Sheriff’s Office as a Deputy Sheriff. By the mid-1970s, he was working for the Camden Police Department. He finally joined the Miami University Police Department and retired during 1993 with 26 years of service to his country and communities.

Officer Spegal also served as a fireman and paramedic in Oxford. Early in his law enforcement career, he raised German Shepherds and Poodles. By the end of his career and carrying over into his retirement, Officer Spegal earned a harness training license and raised racing horses.

Officer Spegal passed away at Hospice of Hamilton surrounded by his loved ones on Monday, May 1st, 2017. He was 78.

He was predeceased by his 8-year-old son, Robert Spegal, killed by a drunk driver in 1971, and a sister, former Miami University Police Officer Sherry L. Spegal. Officer Spegal is survived by his wife of 28 years, Beth Ann (McCoy) Spegal; children, William L. (Ann) Spegal, Jr., Elizabeth Ann Spegal, Julia C. Morris, Patrick J. Spegal, and Joshua W. Bartles; grandchildren, Gregory D. Morris, Lee W. Spegal, Melissa M. Spegal, Harley D. Spegal, Dallas W. Spegal, Kaylee M. Spegal, Cole W. Spegal, and Mason P. Spegal; and a great-grandson, Shawn Spegal.

Visitation will be held 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at the Zettler Funeral Home, 2646 Pleasant Avenue, in Hamilton. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Hamilton, 1010 Eaton Ave. Hamilton, Ohio 45013.