

# Sergeant Merle E. Stethem (1934-2017)

Merle was born March 16, 1934 in Middletown to Samuel and Anna (Borders) Stethem, attended Middletown High School, competing in Track, and graduated in 1952.

Immediately after high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served as a Seabee during the Korean War.



Merle joined the Middletown Police Department as a Patrolman during 1967, successfully completed the new Middletown “Full Time” Training Course. During the early 1970s, Patrolman Stethem also served on the Madison Board of Education. He was later promoted to Sergeant and, about 1996, retired with more than 30 years of service to his country and community.

He passed away, at 83, on May 28, 2017 at the Spring Hills Assisted Living Facility.

Sergeant Stethem is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nadine (McKinney) Stethem; children, Merle (Christina) Stethem II and Fawn (Denny) Fox; grandchildren, Cassie (John) Lozoraitis, Cody (Charli) Fox, Mark Stethem, and Samantha Stethem; great granddaughter, Maddie Fox; and sister, Beverly (Eugene) Tobin.

Visitation will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2017 at the Baker-Stevens-Parramore Funeral Home in Middletown. A celebration of life service will immediately follow with Minister Ron Carter officiating. Interment will be at Woodside Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer Association at 644 Linn Street, STE 1026, Cincinnati, OH 45203.