

Chief Robert Dale Stewart Jr. (1930-2017)

Robert was born June 24, 1930 in Meadville, Pennsylvania, one of six children born to farmers Robert Dale and Mary (Fiscus) Stewart, Sr.

After high school in 1948, Robert enlisted in the United States Navy and served during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged during 1952.

He attended Clarion State Teachers' College from 1952 to 1953.



In 1953, Robert joined the Clarion (Pennsylvania) Police Department. About 1954, he moved to Greater Cincinnati and joined the Silverton Police Department. From 1958 to 1961, he attended Salmon P. Chase College in Cincinnati and earned an associate degree in Police Science. He was promoted to sergeant in 1962. During 1965, Sergeant Stewart resigned and was appointed Police Chief in Maderia. On January 1, 1966, Chief Stewart assumed the duties of City Manager. During June 1966, he was promoted to that post.

Chief Stewart resigned in 1971 and during October of that year was named Xenia's City Manager. He retired during 1986.

He was also a member of the Masons, Elks, Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Rifle Association, International City Managers Association, and Fraternal Order of Police.

He passed away Tuesday July 18, 2017 in Xenia at the age of 87.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Joseph R. Stewart and James R. Stewart. Chief Stewart is survived by his wife of 63 years, Yvonne E. (Allison) Stewart; children, Lisa Pierson, Pamela Stewart-Malott, Kim (Jim) Lange, Robert Dale "Tate" Stewart, III, Patrick (Jackie) Stewart, Michael (Angie) Stewart, and Russell (Gina) Strickland; 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; siblings, Patricia Stewart, Paula (Jim) Ondrako, Julia (Steve) Stewart, and Gordon (Dee) Stewart; and sisters-in-law, Elaine Stewart and Sylvia Stewart.

Visitation will be held 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 23, 2017 at the McColaugh Funeral Home in Xenia. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 24, 2017. Interment to follow at Woodland Cemetery in Xenia.

Memorials may be sent to the the [Alzheimer's Association](#) or the [American Heart Association](#).