

## **Assistant Police Chief Albert E. "Al" Garnick, Jr. (1934-2019)**

Al was born September 12, 1934 in Newport to Albert and Sylvia (Moscher) Garnick. He attended Newport Catholic High School, where he played basketball and football and graduated in 1952.

Al joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation during 1956, worked in Washington DC for a year, and returned home. He joined the Newport Fire Department on September 1, 1957.

Another year later, during June 1958, Al finished third on the Newport Police Department's examination for Patrolman and joined that department. By the early 1960s, he and other patrolmen were conducting raids on vice houses. On March 16, 1965, the Newport Police Chief announced his promotion to Lieutenant. Three years later, on July 1, 1968, he was named Acting Captain of the Detective Bureau which was later made permanent. He also commanded the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs department and Bureau of Identification. He retired in 1979 as an Assistant Chief.



Assistant Chief Garnick then joined the Security Department at St. Luke Hospital as its director and put in another 20 years until 1999. Additionally, he served as Campbell County Deputy Coroner for the past 30 plus years. By 2019, he had served the country and his community for 63 years.

He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and sat on the boards of the Central Campbell County Fire Department, Newport Board of Education, and the Henry Hosea House.

Assistant Chief Garnick passed away on Friday, August 16, 2019 at the age of 84. As he did in life, in death he gave all that he had by donating his body to the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Assistant Chief Garnick is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lois (Gerding) Garnick; children, Mike (Kim) Garnick, Jayne (Allen) Rauh, Judy (Bryant) Whittaker, Julie (Damon) Tolle, Dave (Becky) Garnick, and Carol (Tim) Gessner; sixteen grandchildren; and one great-grandchild on the way.

A memorial visitation will be held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2019 at St. Joseph Church in Cold Spring. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Noon.

Memorials may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#), 6612 Dixie Hwy, Florence, KY 41042.