

Chief Chester Leo Henderson (1929-2019)

Chester was born June 17, 1929 in Keefer, Kentucky, the ninth child born to farmers, Obie P. and Verda M. (Wiggins) Henderson. He attended Erlanger Lloyd High School where he played football and basketball and was on the track team. After graduation, he attended Western Kentucky State College.

During late July 1952, Chester was appointed as a Trooper of the Kentucky State Police Department.

He then joined the Greater Cincinnati Airport Police Department as a Special Patrolman. During September 1954, the Florence Board of Trustees appointed him as Police Judge Pro Tem. They then unanimously voted him as Town Marshal on November 23, 1943. Eventually, Florence established a police department and Marshal Henderson became its chief. He resigned on December 22, 1959 for private employment.



Three years later, during December 1962, Florence Council appointed him as the city's Civil Defense Director. During June 1963 he left that position and was appointed as the Boone County Juvenile Officer.

Beginning January 1, 1966, he was appointed Chief Deputy Sheriff in Boone County for at least one term.

From 1977 to 1996, Chief Henderson served as the Boone County Property Valuation Administrator. He was also the president of the Kentucky Property Valuation Administrator Association and was on the Board of International Assessor's Association.

Chief Henderson passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2019 in Sarasota, FL.

He was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Lynn Olive (Jarrell) Henderson; three sisters; and five brothers. Chief Henderson is survived by his sons, Chet Henderson, Mike (Kym) McCormick, and Tony Henderson, Trena Beckham, and Cheryl (Henderson) Sullivan; thirteen grandchildren; six great grandchildren.

A memorial visitation will be held 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at Burlington Baptist Church at 3031 Washington Street in Burlington. A memorial service will be held at Noon.

Memorial contributions can be made to [Trooper Island, Incorporated](#) at P. O. Box 473, Albany, KY 42602.