

Police Chief Raymond Scott Hesler Jr. (1942-2021)

Ray was born January 25, 1942 to William, Sr., and Velma (Daugherty) Hesler.



He joined the Bethel Police Department as a Patrolman during 1961. Once during the next 16 years, Patrolman Hesler transferred to the Felicity Police Department for a year, but he returned to Bethel. He also volunteered on the Bethel Life Squad for nine years. Then, during 1978 he was appointed Police Chief in Felicity and served as such for the next 35 years. Chief Hesler retired during December 2013 with 52 years of service.

For thirty of those years, he also worked at Allis-Chambers in Norwood, retiring as a foreman.

He was a member of the Felicity F&AM Lodge #102.

Chief Hesler died on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at the age of 79.

He was predeceased by his son, Daniel Ray Hesler (2005), and granddaughter, Miranda Renae Hesler (2019). Chief Hesler is survived by his wife, Linda (Laton) Hesler; children, Bill (Cleve Campbell) Hesler, Brad Ritchie, and Sherry Hesler; grandchildren, Rachel Hesler, Dannielle Hesler, and Damien Hesler; and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2021 at the Felicity Christian Church at 847 State Route 133 in Felicity. Masonic and funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at the church. A cortege will be escorted from the church, through Felicity, by police and fire personnel to Tate Township Cemetery in Bethel for burial.

Memorials may be made to the Felicity Police Department equipment fund.