

Sergeant Ralph Eugene Maples (1930-2021)

Ralph was born May 16, 1930, in Everton, West Virginia to Noah Ward Sr. and Lonzie Levergie (Hinel) Maples.



After high school, Ralph joined the United States Army, served in the Korean War and as a Drill Sergeant. Sergeant Maples was honorably discharged with a Purple Heart.

After returning home, he joined the City of Monroe Police Department as a Patrolman on March 31, 1971. He was promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Maples resigned on May 18, 1979.

Sergeant Maples worked full time with Miami Carey, retiring in 1989.

Sergeant Maples died on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at the age of Age 91.

He was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Janice E. (Whalin) Maples, and siblings, Neal Maples, Noah Maples Jr, Paul Maples, Ronnie Maples, Mary Louise (Midge) Suttles, Jean Begley, and Edith Gravitt. Sergeant Maples is survived by his children, Robert (Geri) Maples, Lisa (William) Cantrell, and Tara (Mitch) Miller; grandchildren, William (Ashley) Maples, Brandy (David) Kramer, Shane Maples, Emily Maples, Jacob Ante, Adrian (Carlo) Thompson, and William Cantrell Jr.; several great-grandchildren; and sister, Carrie Martin.

Visitation and services were held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at Breitenbach Anderson Funeral Home at 517 South Sutphin Street in Middletown. Burial followed at the Dayton National Cemetery.

A *Sergeant Ralph E. Maples Scholarship* is being established in his honor and will allow transitioning veterans, National Guardsmen, and reservists to carry on his dedication to service through enrolling in a police academy or to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice.