

# Sergeant Robert Francis “Rob” Siefke (1938-2023)

Rob was born February 20, 1938, the eighth child born to Aloysius J. and Margaret M. Siefke, Sr. of Norwood. He attended Purcell High School.

Rob joined the United States Navy in 1956 and graduated from the United States Great Lakes Naval Training Center during November 1956. He was assigned to the USS Midway, the lead ship of its class of aircraft carrier, while it was being extensively modernized at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. The ship returned to service September 30, 1957 and was assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet in 1957. He was honorably discharged in 1960.



After returning home, Rob worked in a factory while living in Norwood.



Rob joined the Madeira Police Department in 1966. Patrolman Siefke, on May 21, 1972 captured a bank robber and made a complete recovery of \$1444 (over \$10,000 in current value). He was promoted to Sergeant on May 7, 1973. Sergeant Siefke retired on May 27, 1989 with 27 years of service to his country and community.

Sergeant Siefke died surrounded by family at his home on June 18, 2023 at the age of 85.

He was predeceased by his siblings, Anna, Margaret, Gertrude, Joseph, Ruth, Aloysius, Jr., Elizabeth, Kathryn, and Phillip, and grandchild, Bradley Duncan. Sergeant Siefke is survived by his wife of sixty years, Annette Louise “Nettie” (DeAnglis) Siefke; children, John Siefke, Jeffrey (Tonya Cox) Siefke, Robin Louise (Ed) Baker, James Robert (Sparky Cowens) Siefke, and Kimberly Ann (Steven) Tinnel; thirteen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at Turner and Son Funeral Home in Hillsboro. A celebration of life will be held following the service at a place to be determined.

Donations may be made to the [St. Jude’s Research Hospital](#) or [Make-a-Wish Foundation](#).