

Special Agent Keith David Coy (1943-2024)



Keith was born May 20, 1943, in Xenia to Glenn David and Bernice K. (Karnath) Coy. He grew up on the Coy family farm in Beaver creek with many cousins and family. Keith attended Beaver creek High School and Heidelberg College, where he was an associate editor of the yearbook and a member of the Young Republicans. He graduated in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He married Lucille Verna of Webster, New York on September 4, 1965.

Keith joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), also in 1965, in the Laboratory Division in Washington D.C. He was appointed Special Agent in 1966 and served in Atlanta, New Orleans, and Dayton, Ohio. During 1991, he moved to the Cincinnati Field Office. Special Agent Coy served as a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team member and leader in New Orleans, Dayton, and Cincinnati. He was also a police instructor and FBI's Training Coordinator. As such, he processed numerous local law enforcement officers into the FBI National Academy and was active in the Ohio Chapter of the FBI National Academy Association. On May 17, 1997, Special Agent Coy was honored for his work with children at the Annual Police Appreciation Dinner during Police Week. Special Agent Coy retired in 2003 with 38 years of service.

He was also an active member of the Hamilton County Police Association even after his retirement.

Keith passed away on February 4, 2024 at the age of 80 in his Milford residence.

He was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Lucille Karen (Verna) Coy. Special Agent Coy is survived by his children, Katherine (Charles P.) Smith and Christopher D. (Gina) Coy, and grandchildren, Zachary C. Smith, Noah P. Smith, Sophia K. Smith, Cara E. Coy, and Elena G. Coy.

Visitation will be held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, at Evans Funeral Home, 741 Center Street in Milford. A funeral service will be held at Noon, followed by interment at 3 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Shoup Cemetery in Beaver creek.