

Police Officer Terry LeRoy Alfrey (1940-2026)

Terry was born on February 2, 1940, in Middletown, to LeRoy Ellis and Mary Ardell (Parrot) Alfrey. He attended Middletown High School where he participated in the baseball and swimming teams and graduated in 1958. He then attended Ohio University and later took a position with the National Cash Register Company.

Probably while working at National Cash Register, Terry joined the Butler County Sheriff's Office as a Special Deputy. On July 14, 1968, he responded to a free for all bar fight in Reily involving the Los Diablos Motorcycle Gang along with five deputies and several officers and troopers from the Millville and Ross Township Police Departments and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Three members of the gang went to the hospital. There were no immediate arrests.

Terry left National Cash Register and joined the Lemon Township Police Department as a Patrolman.



About 1969, Patrolman Alfrey joined the Middletown Police Department. On July 22, 1971, he was shot by a night watchman with a .22 caliber pistol while checking a construction site for burglars. With a bullet between his lung and heart, he calmly walked back to his patrol car and radioed that he had been shot. He returned to work on August 15th with the bullet still in his chest. Days after murdering his wife and discarding her body in an abandoned park, Officers Coy Hall and Alfrey found the husband walking near Cincinnati Dayton Road and captured him without incident. Officer Alfrey retired in 1995 with at least 27 years of service to his county and two communities.

He continued to serve Butler County as a Probation Officer.

Officer Alfrey died on May 2, 2026 at the age of 86.

He was predeceased by two wives, one of 50 years, Karen Rae (Barr) Alfrey (2012) and one of 11 years, Mary L. (Capozzi) Alfrey (2025). Officer Alfrey is survived by his children, Tracy Ann (Timothy) Macy and retired Middletown Police Officer Christopher (Christa) Alfrey; grandchildren, Cortney (Jeremy) Greth, Connor Macy, Carter Macy, Jackson Alfrey, Branden Alfrey, Rylie Alfrey, and Gavin Alfrey; and great-grandchildren, Jayden, Kale, Evan, Ian, and Kali.

A visitation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026 at Breitenbach Anderson Funeral Home at 517 South Sutphin Street in Middletown. A funeral service will follow at 7 p.m.