

Detective Sergeant Paul O. Alford (1930-2018)

Paul was born April 30, 1930 in St. Louis to Murray, a railroad engineer, and Elenor Alice (Kemp) Alford. The next year, they moved to Mishawaka, Indiana and later to Elkhart, Indiana. Paul attended high school at Elkhart High School and graduated in 1948.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1950 during the Korean War.



After his discharge, Paul joined the Indiana State Police as a Trooper in 1954. He was assigned to Dearborn County. He was eventually promoted to Detective, then to Detective Sergeant. Sergeant Alford retired in 1974 with 25 years of service to his country and community.

Then, he was elected Mayor of Aurora and continued his service for two terms.

He and his wife owned Alford's Coins. He was a member of the Aurora Masonic Lodge, Aurora American Legion, and the Fraternal Order of Police. Paul attended the Aurora First Presbyterian Church.

Detective Sergeant Alford passed away at Forest Park Health Campus in Richmond on October 21, 2018 at the age 88.

He was predeceased by his wife of 46 years, Jacqueline Elaine (Speckman) Alford (2007), a brother, and two sisters. Detective Sergeant Alford is survived by his children, Gilbert Alford, Lee Williams, Tim Alford, and Jerrilyn (Bill) Longcamp; grandchildren, Kyle, Lisa, Kelsey, Lauren, Evan, Hanna, Emily, Sam, and Jacob; 15 great grandchildren; and siblings, William Moore and Mary (Orin) Kilmer.

Visitation was on Friday, October 26, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church Aurora. Service were held on Saturday October 27, 2018 with Pastor Dana Stout officiating. Interment, with graveside military honors, will follow in the River View Cemetery in Aurora.

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