



Frank P. Stiles

August 23, 1938 - December 13, 2025

Frank P. Stiles, 87, of Monclova Township, Maumee, passed away peacefully on December 13, 2025 at Hospice Northwest Ohio. Frank, known to family and close friends as "Pat," was born August 23, 1938 to Eugene Sr. and Janie Stiles in Toledo, Ohio, the youngest of nine children. Frank graduated from Waite High School, where he participated in junior and varsity sports and was the city of Toledo novice division light-heavyweight Golden Gloves champion. Frank was drafted on October 2, 1961 by the U.S. Army during the Berlin Crisis and completed a two-year tour of duty in France.

Frank joined the Toledo Police Department on April 2, 1965, and after just two years became the youngest patrolman in seniority at the time to be transferred to the Detective Bureau. Surviving an incident with a robber's misfired gun thrust into his belly deepened Frank's resolve to serve the department and deepened his faith in God. Working in almost every section of the detective bureau, Frank assisted in thousands of investigations and arrests. He loved serving and protecting the citizens of Toledo and voluntarily worked countless hours of overtime. Frank was promoted to Sergeant in 1976 and was known as an excellent interrogator and investigator who would never give up on a case until it was solved. He enjoyed training other investigators in criminal interrogation. Frank was a highly decorated police officer, receiving several commendations, police officer of the year awards, and nominations for national awards. His career was dedicated to the belief that everyone has a

right to live in a society free from fear and intrusion.

After serving twenty-five years, Frank retired from the Toledo Police Department on April 26, 1990 and was hired as the Loss Prevention Director for The Lion Stores. In January 1999, Frank went to work for the Lucas County Prosecuting Attorney's office as Chief Investigator, serving for eighteen years. He was also the author of three true crime books, which can be found in the Lucas County libraries.

Frank loved with all his heart his extraordinarily intelligent, beautiful, charming, professional, and community-adored wife, Billie Joanne "B.J." (Fisher/Smith) Stiles. They met while working for the Lion Stores. He said it was a loving and lasting relationship that every couple should experience. Frank was preceded in death by his wife B.J., his parents Eugene Sr. and Janie, his brothers, Harmon, Jimmy, Eugene Jr., Bill, Jerry, and Edward, sister Mary Emmagene Pierce, nephews Jimmy, Jon, Frederick, Michael, nieces Emme and Denise Noel, and his first wife Pamela Stiles.

He is survived by his children Kevin (Heather), Carey (Carolyn), Amy, and brother Donald (Gisela), stepsisters Janet Ocheske, Elaine Christian, Carol (Bob) Henny, stepdaughters Angie (Jim) Eckstrom, Laurie (Kevin) Barbee, grandchildren Madeline, Mallory, Alex, Charles (Brittany), Jordin (Bryan), Melissa, Faith, Dylan, Nicholas, Sam, Ben, and Andrew, nephews Dale (Joan), Bill, and Clifford Stiles, nieces Debra Kiggins, Susan Fisher, and Janie Stiles, and his great-grandchildren Adalynn, Audrina, Carson, Colton, Jaxon, Maci, and Ripley. In addition, Frank leaves behind his constant daily companion Cecil the cat.

A private celebration of life service will be held for friends and family. Please consider making a memorial contribution to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Tribute Wall

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“ *A true warrior, professional, and Man of honor, he lived and worked for his fellow citizens and truly protected served with sacrifice and honor.*
Thoughts and prayers to his family.

John McGuire - February 03 at 03:27 PM

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“ *To the family of Frank Stiles:
Frank Stiles was a dedicated and committed human being, as much as any person I have known. He gave his all to the citizens of the Toledo community - above and beyond the call of duty. He gave his love and equal commitment to his family and close friends. Frank will be deeply missed by all of us.*

Carty Finkbeiner - December 24, 2025 at 11:14 AM

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“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Stiles.*

Andrea - December 22, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ *Pat had an enormous influence on young people who worked at the downtown Lion Store. (He was a store detective in the early 70s. I thank him for his wise counsel and his inspiring values as our role model. May he rest in peace.*

Paulette Attie - December 17, 2025 at 06:37 PM

KK

“ Sorry for your loss. I started my criminal justice career when Frank hired me at Lion Store as a loss prevention agent. Lots of fun stories about the olds days. R.I.P Frank.

Kelly Kriner - December 17, 2025 at 04:58 PM

RG

“ Frank was a "policeman's..policeman" he was a " true" gentleman..I got to work several cases with Frank there was nobody better of a Dectetive than Frank....sorry for this sad news of his passing...🙏💙

Rich Gadt - December 17, 2025 at 10:57 AM

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Frank and I would talk on the phone about the murders in the early 80s and the book he wrote. I told him some things through investigation that even he didn't know but we had great conversations. He seemed like a very good police officer rest in peace Frank.

daryl ray - December 17, 2025 at 01:19 PM