Bobby Lewis Wheeler

A native of Minford, OH, Bobby Wheeler worked for Marion Power Shovel Company in Marion, OH as a certified machinist from 1953-1954. In 1955, he was a foreman for Ohio Carbon Company in Cleveland, OH. In September 1955, he joined the Hinton Police Department. April 1957, he was stationed with the US Army at Fort Jackson, SC and Fort Sill, OK. In 1958, he was stationed at Fort Dix, NJ and then in Germany as a Private First Class. In April 1959, he was discharged and the same year returned to the Hinton Police Department. In September 1959, he was promoted to Sgt. for the Hinton Police Department and in 1962 he was appointed Chief of Police for the Hinton Police Department.

Bobby was a special agent for the C&O, Chessie System, CSX Railroad from July 1, 1963- October 1996. He served a total of 38 years and 10 months as a police officer. He joined the WV Fraternal Order of Police in 1955 and held various positions including serving as an officer from 1966-1985. Bobby, along with Barney Segal of Beckley, wrote a draft recommending a 40 hour police officer work week, which passed and became a law in 1962. Bobby was a member of the Hinton City Council from 1996-2004. He served on the Civil Service Commission for 22 years for the City of Hinton. Bobby was the first chairman of Hinton High School Order of DeMolay and was awarded the Legend of Honor, confirmed at Charleston, WV in 1968-1969. He was a long time member of the Hinton Lions Club where as he served as past President and was very active in all aspects of the club.

Patriot, distinguished law enforcement officer, devoted husband, father and grandfather, caring neighbor, steadfast friend and mentor –

Bobby Lewis Wheeler We Salute You!



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