

**WILLIAM E. "ED" SWING**  
**Chief, Greensboro Police Department**  
**Greensboro, North Carolina**



He was an absolute supporter of SPI, Director McCandless, Dorothy Clore, Professors John Klotter, Ed Campbell, Roland Soule, and other staff members.

We believe he sent more of his staff to the AOCs than any other Chief or Sheriff of his time. He also supported three national SPIAA conferences being held in Greensboro and sponsored by the Greensboro PD.

*Photo courtesy of Lynn Rorer, information courtesy of Ron Cook.*



**GREENSBORO - William E. "Ed" Swing passed away at home on Monday, November 28, 2016.**

A service will be held at Centenary United Methodist Church on Friday, December 2, 2016 at 2 p.m.

The family will receive friends after the service.

Ed was born in Lexington to the late Genevieve and Gilmer Swing.

He was preceded in death by a brother; Max, and sister Janice Lea.

He is survived by his wife, Phoebe; daughter, Kathy; son, Ed and daughter-in-law Cheryl; grandson, Brady (Danielle); and granddaughters Emily and Lindsay; and brothers, Larry (Jo), Don (Jane), and Ken (Winnie).

Ed was proud to have served in the United States Navy in Korea from 1948 to 1952.

He joined the Greensboro Police Department in 1956 where he worked until 1984. He was named Chief in 1975 and made innovative strides in creating specialized units and programs, including Special Response and Hostage Negotiation teams, a Special Intelligence section and the Department's first Canine Unit.

His administration embraced technology by installing computer assisted dispatch equipment in the operations center and mobile assisted digital terminals in patrol cars.

He honored fallen officers by holding a memorial service in May 1975 to recognize their sacrifice, a tradition which he and Chiefs that followed continued.

During his career, he attended a number of schools, including the Traffic Institute at Northwestern University, the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville, and the F.B.I. National Academy in Washington.

He graduated from Guilford College with a degree in Administration of Criminal Justice.

Ed served in several community and professional organizations, including the Boards of the Salvation Army and Volunteers to the Court, North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council, Greensboro Technical Institute (now GTCC) Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, North Carolina Police Execs Association, where he served as the group's President, and both the North Carolina and International Associations of Chiefs of Police.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials to either Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro, 2500 Summit Avenue Greensboro, NC 27405 or Centenary United Methodist Church, 2300 West Friendly Avenue Greensboro NC 27403.

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