

Jerry Lovitt: May 29, 2012

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Jerry W. Lovitt passed away Tuesday, May 29, at home surrounded by his loved ones and friends after a courageous battle with cancer. A native of Williamsburg, he was born July 3, 1945, to the late Elmer and Edna Prewitt Lovitt. Jerry served 35 years in the military including U.S. Army, National Guard and Coast Guard, retiring as commander of the 615th MP Det. (CID). He received the Soldier's Medal and the Legion of Merit Award as well as many others. He was a career Kentucky State Police officer, holding every permanent and appointed rank in the organization, and retired after 27 years as commissioner. He was a former commander of the Richmond Post 7 and was awarded the KSP medal for meritorious service and the Valor Award for bravery. He earned his MA from Eastern Kentucky University, where he was an adjunct professor in the school of law enforcement, was selected outstanding alumni in 1991, and was inducted into the EKV Hall of Fame in 1995. After his retirement, he worked for the city of Nicholasville for more than 10 years. Jerry was a member of Southland Christian Church, the Hart Lodge No. 61 F & AM, and numerous law-enforcement organizations, as well as the Nicholasville Rotary Club, serving on the scholarship committee, the DAV, and many other boards and committees.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Debbie Roberts Lovitt; son Jerry Marc Lovitt and wife Heather; his granddaughters whom he dearly loved, Erin Harper and Jessica Noelle; brothers Matt and wife Becky, and Joe and wife Pat; sister Naomi; special cousin Jr. Prewitt; and dear friends John and Monica West, whose support helped fight this battle. He was preceded in death by the light of his life, daughter Sara Hart Lovitt; three brothers Paul, Charles and Martin; and sister Retha. His remembrance ceremony was held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 1, at Hughes Auditorium, Wilmore, and was officiated by James Hodge and Charlie Johnson. Honoring him as pallbearers were KSP Post 7. Honorary bearers were John West, Hugh Henkle, Jesse Holbrook, Gerald Cobb, Don Falin, Jim Tipton, Charlie Johnson, Billy Wellman, Whiz and David Latham. He was laid to rest beside his daughter in Maple Grove Cemetery. Visitation was Thursday, May 31, from 2-8 p.m. at Hager & Cundiff Funeral Home. Donations may be made in his memory to the Sara Hart Lovitt Endowed Scholarship at Asbury University, 1 Macklem Dr., Wilmore, KY 40390.