



MEDIA RELEASE

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Retired Sergeant Charles Kerr

It is with profound sadness that the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office mourns the loss of their beloved brother and friend, Retired Sergeant Charles Albert Kerr.

Chuck Kerr, more affectionately known by many as "The Babe", was born on February 12, 1931 and lost his battle with cancer on Sunday July 17, 2011 at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

Chuck joined the United States Navy on June 20, 1950 and served 20 years as an Aviation Machinist Mate before retiring on January 30, 1970. Upon retiring from the United States Navy, Chuck immediately applied with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and was later appointed to Deputy Sheriff on July 1, 1970. He successfully graduated from the Prince George's County Police Academy at the top of his class on April 8, 1971.

A talented and well disciplined officer, Chuck excelled in his law enforcement career. He completed the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Law Enforcement School in February 1972 and became one of the first officers to actively enforce narcotics violations in St. Mary's County. Pioneers of their time, Chuck Kerr and the late Ronald Clarke were the first two officers to form the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit.

Chuck furthered his training in investigations by attending a Law Enforcement Officers Criminal Investigations Training School from September 23 – October 9, 1975 and became a lead detective for the agency. In addition to his primary duties, Chuck also served as the Special Weapons Team leader and was certified as an Associate Instructor and Firearms Instructor through the Maryland Police Training Commission.

He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in October of 1975 and went on to complete the National Training Center of Polygraph Science in February of 1976 becoming the first certified Polygraph Technician for the agency.

With his many years of service and training Chuck proved to be a valuable asset as a Road Patrol Supervisor. An ambassador to our profession he became a role model and mentor to all those who worked with him.

Chuck was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on January 28, 1985 before retiring on June 30, 1990.

Even after his retirement, Chuck remained dedicated to the mission and goals of the Sheriff's Office and loyal friend to his brothers in blue. He was a Charter Member of the Fraternal Order of

Police Lodge #7, a true “Cop’s – Cop”, and always volunteered to assist the agency and his fellow brothers in any way that he could.

Those who were fortunate enough to work with Sgt. Kerr during his tenure have many fond memories and the utmost respect not only for the accomplished officer he became but simply for the great man that he was.

A lifetime of exemplary service, Chuck proudly served our country, our county, and our agency.

We will miss you brother, our friend, until we meet again.