















## Tay R. Zeigler

## OBITUARY

Jay R. Zeigler, 67, Frackville, died unexpectedly Thursday evening at Ashland Regional Medical Center shortly after admission.

He was a former state policeman, county detective and member of North Schuylkill school board.

Born in Frackville, he was a son of the late Joseph and Pearl Dillman Zeigler. He was a lifelong Frackville resident and a 1946 graduate of Frackville High School.

He served two years in the Marine Corp after graduating from high school.

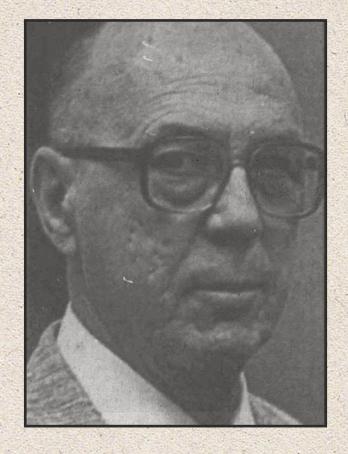
In 1949 he enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police and retired in 1979 as a lieutenant.

Mr. Zeigler commanded, in the late 1960s, the state police barracks in Lancaster when Francis V. McAndrew, now Schuylkill County

sheriff, started as a trooper.

"He was well-respected, an excellent state policeman. He was a great guy to work for," McAndrew said Friday. "As long as you did your job and performed well as a police officer, you never had any trouble with Jay Zeigler."

County Detective Eugene Taylor



worked for Mr. Zeigler in the 1970s as a state trooper at the Schuylkill Haven and former Pottsville barracks and, had nothing but praise for him.

"He was good to work for, fair. He backed you all the way," Taylor

said.

In 1980, he was appointed county detective in the office of former Schuylkill County District Attorney Richard B. Russell.

District Attorney Claude A.L. Shields, a Democrat, appointed Zeigler chief county detective in 1986 even though Zeigler was a Republican.

"I didn't regret it for second,"

Shields said. "He did a tremendous job for me. You couldn't meet a nicer guy or a better cop."

Zeigler had a tough job but never

let it affect him, Shields recalled.

"He was never mean-spirited. He was a very pleasant guy. He didn't wear his troubles on his sleeve," Shields said.

He held that post until retiring in 1990.

Mr. Zeigler was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Frackville, where he was a eucharistic minister and member of its Holy Name Society.

He was a member of the Men of Malvern, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 65, Pennsylvania County and State Detective Associations, Retired State Police Association of Pennsylvania, Parse Schuylkill-Carbon Chapter, Knights of Columbus Bishop Hogan Council 2580, Frackville, and Frackville Elks Lodge 1533.

A brother, Robert, died in 1985. Surviving are his wife, the former Mary E. Ambs, with whom he celebrated 41 years of marriage on September 11; a daughter, Barbara M. Kilbane, Olney, MD; a son, James J., Frackville; and five grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church by the Rev. Albert J. Byrne. Interment will be in the parish cemetery. Nice Funeral Home, Frackville, is in charge of arrangements.