



CHAMPAIGN – George Robert "Bobby" Moreland, 75, of Champaign passed away at 11:12 a.m. on Jan. 6, 2009.

He was born Feb. 22, 1933, the son of George and Della Gillespie Moreland in Champaign. They preceded him in death.

Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Salem Baptist Church, 500 E. Park St., Champaign. The Rev. Claude E. Shelby Sr. will officiate. Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church and one hour prior to services. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Urbana. Services are entrusted to Melker-Bluitt-Parker Mortuary, 704 North Fourth St., Champaign.

He is survived by sons, Mark, Kansas City, Milo, Gilbert, Ariz., and Ian, Urbana; a daughter, Jadie, Chicago; a sister, Geraldine Peeples, Champaign; four grandchildren and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister, Maxine Blakely.

His formal education was received in the Champaign school system. He attended Santa Rosa College in California, Parkland College in Champaign, the University of Illinois, and several police academies.

He was a Champaign police officer twice, first from Sept. 15, 1963, to Oct. 20, 1969. He spent a year as a police officer in Corte Madera, Calif., then returned to Champaign, rejoining the police force Dec. 15, 1970, and retiring Aug. 31, 1994. He was an investigative detective for more than 23 years and recieved the Officer Of The Year Award in 1993. He also worked as court security officer for U.S. Marshal at the Federal Court House, Urbana.

He served in the Army from March 11, 1953 to March 11, 1955. He was a member of Salem Baptist Church, American Legion Post 559 and the Champaign Police Benevolent Association. Memorials may be made to Salem Baptist Church.



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