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South Point mayor dies

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SOUTH POINT – William A. "Bill" Gaskin, who has been the mayor of South Point since 1979, died Friday, Feb. 5.

The 80-year-old was born Jan. 20, 1930, in Freesburg, Ohio. Prior to serving the town of South Point, he served as a U.S. Marine during the Korean Conflict. He also worked at Data-Card Corporation for 40 years.

In 1976, he was appointed to South Point City Council. Three years later, he started his 30 years as mayor.

During his tenure, he served as the president of the Ohio Mayor's Association, president of the Ohio Municipal League, member of the Executive Committee for the Ohio Public Works Commission District 15, member of the Greater Lawrence County Area Chamber of Commerce and Lawrence County Economical Development Corporation, and he served on the Empowerment Zone Committee to help establish the Point Industrial Park in the Village.

Gaskin also was a member of the S&P Lodge 497 F&AM, and he was a member of the First Baptist Church of South Point.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Evelyn, and his sister, Laura May Howser. He is survived by his wife, Velma Gaskin of South Point, one sister, four children and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services are planned for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the First Baptist Church of South Point. Interment will follow in Highland Memorial Gardens, South Point, Ohio. Friends may call at the church from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the William A. Gaskin Memorial Fund, U.S. Bank, 702 4th Street E., South Point, OH 45680, for the continuing improvement of South Point.

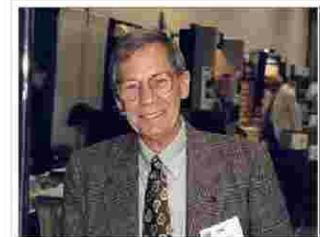


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