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FORMER BATH TWP. CHIEF PASSED AWAY

Bath Township Fire Chief Joseph Kitchen is saddened to announce the death of former Chief, Dean Nichols. Dean passed away Thursday, November 24, 2016 at St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima, Ohio.

Dean was a charter member of the fire department, joining at the time of its inception in 1957. He served as fire chief from 1975 until his retirement in 1987. Dean was honored with the title of "Lifetime Member" by the department.

Dean was instrumental in the growth of the fire department during his tenure. One of his most notable contributions was the organization of the department's EMS service in 1961. Bath Twp. EMS was the first municipal ambulance service in Allen County with Dean serving as both an EMT and EMS instructor.

Dean remained active with the department even in retirement serving on multiple fire levy committees, and also served on the department's Board of Dependents. Dean also created the history page on the Bath Twp. F.D. website.

Chief Kitchen said, "Chief Nichols was both a friend and a mentor. His contributions to our community were many, and his impact on the fire department will be felt for many years to come. He will be greatly missed."

Services are at Chiles-Laman Eastside. Visitation is Sunday November 27 from 2-4 and 4-6. Services are Monday November 28 at 10:30.

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