

Michael R. O'Mara Jr.

Michael R. O'Mara Jr., 56, of Oxford died Oct. 2, 2007, at his home.

Born Nov. 15, 1950, in Newton, he was a son of Della E. Ayers O'Mara of Washington and the late Michael O'Mara Sr.

Mr. O'Mara lived in Hackettstown before moving to Oxford 25 years ago. He retired in 2001 as chief of the Oxford Police Department. He graduated from Hackettstown High School in 1969 and the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., where he received training as a sharpshooter.

He was a former coach in the Warren County Midget Football League. Mr. O'Mara was a member of Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 280, the Masonic lodge in Washington Borough, Blue Ridge Post 164 and a police chiefs association. He was a National Guard veteran.

In addition to his mother, surviving are a companion, Kim Schmiedeke; two sons, Michael J.W. of Hackettstown and Jonathan M. of Mansfield; four daughters, Kelly and husband Dan Zenes of Washington, Michelle and husband Sgt. 1st Class

Michael Kirlew of Fort Campbell, Ky., Colleen and husband Joshua Newton of Hackettstown and Melissa of Phillipsburg; a stepson, Kevin C. Schiereck of Oxford; a stepdaughter, Jennifer Schiereck of Phillipsburg; and 13 grandchildren.

Services were held Oct. 6 at the Cochran Funeral Home in Hackettstown. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be sent to www.cochranfuneral.com.

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