

Ernest E. Bohler



Ernest E. Bohler was born on Sept. 18, 1912 in Cloverport, Ky. His father was chief of the Cloverport Volunteer Fire Department. At age 20 Ernie joined the department and began a long and illustrious career in the fire service. Ernie met and fell in love with Mildred Brickley and they were married in 1934. They had three children, Bobby, Lois and Wanda along with two grandchildren.

Ernie rose to the rank of Engineer with Cloverport before he moved his family to Pleasure Ridge Park in the early 1940's. In 1950 when his city was left without fire protection Ernie helped organize the Pleasure Ridge Park Volunteer Fire Dept. In 1953 he was selected to be the chief of the department, a position he held for twenty four years until his death in 1967. During his term as chief, the city of Pleasure Ridge Park expanded dramatically and Chief Bohler made sure that the fire department kept pace. By 1964 there were four stations serving the district.

Chief Bohler is credited with beginning the collection of money by fire departments for the Crusade for Children, an effort that has led to millions being collected by local fire departments.

Ernie was active in both the Jefferson County Fireman's Association as well as the Kentucky Firefighters Association. In 1964 Ernie Bohler was selected to serve as Fourth Vice President of the K.F.A. In 1967 while Second Vice President, Ernie Bohler died of colon cancer and never had the opportunity to lead the K.F.A.