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Veteran Sheriff’s Office Member Dies

Highlands County Sheriff’s Office lost a veteran member recently when Vickie Crist died on April 6th.

Vickie Crist joined the Sheriff’s Office in November of 1952. She and her husband George actually lived at the Highlands County Jail for approximately 10 years, which was typical for key Corrections staff at that time. Ms. Crist was a Deputy Sheriff, Jail Matron and Clerk from 1952 – 1978. During this tenure she performed duties of dispatcher, teletype operator, fingerprinting, photography, civil and criminal work and supervised in the preparation of meals for inmates.

In 1978 Deputy Sheriff Crist transitioned to Correctional Officer and Central Records Clerk. She also covered dispatcher duties until her retirement in May of 1990. Her total tenure with the Sheriff’s Office covered over 37 years.

The Highlands County Sheriff’s Office is deeply saddened at the loss of Vickie Crist. “Vicki was one of the dearest women you would ever meet”, says Sheriff Susan Benton. “Can you imagine living at the Jail, raising your daughter and cooking and taking care of the inmates at the same time; that is what Vicki did for many years. She served this County well and should be remembered for her many personal sacrifices for the good of Highlands County and its people.”

Services are scheduled for Friday, April 12th at 1:00PM at Morris Funeral Home, 307 S. Commerce Ave. in Sebring.

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