

Lieutenant Winston Arnold Gibson Ph.D. L-15 (1925-2014)

Winston was born September 18, 1925 in Cincinnati to David and Zora (Parris) Gibson. His mother, a native of the West Indies, was no longer living with the family during 1930, but when his father died in 1932, the family moved in with her in the Laurel Homes. Gibson attended Woodward High School.

Before graduating, Winston enlisted in the United States Navy on January 10, 1944 during World War II. After boot training he attended Aviation Metalsmith School. He spent almost 2 years at the North Island Advanced Air Base in San Diego and was honorably discharged as an Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class on March 4, 1946.



Winston joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit September 1, 1947. He was promoted to Patrolman on December 1 and assigned to District 4 (W. 5th Street) with Badge P-136. He also served in Districts 7 (Concord Street), 1 (York Street), and 2 (Broadway). Patrolman Gibson determined to make something more of himself than an eventually retired Patrolman with a second career as a security guard, so he went back to school. He took classes at Salmon P. Chase Law School during 1952 and received his high school diploma in 1953. He was promoted to Sergeant (S-64) on April 7, 1957 and assigned to District 1 (Lincoln Park Drive). On May 8, 1960 he was promoted to Lieutenant (L-15) and assigned to Central Station (City Hall). On June 9, 1963 he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in General Studies and almost immediately resigned, effective August 11, 1963, to take a position as Deputy Police Commissioner in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

During 1965, Lieutenant Gibson returned to the States, attended Michigan State University, and while serving as a Criminal Justice instructor, earned a Doctorate in Education Administration. Then, during 1975, he returned to St. Croix as the Police Commissioner. While living in St. Croix, he started Global Security, Inc.

Lieutenant Gibson retired and moved to Maryland where he taught a number of years at Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland.

He passed away on January 20, 2014 in Jessup, Maryland at the age of 88. He was predeceased by his brothers, David Gibson, Willford Gibson, Norman Gibson, and Donald Gibson. Lieutenant Gibson was survived by his wife of 34 years, Evelyn Williams-Gibson; children, Ila Gibson-Vance, Blaine Gibson, and Karon Gibson-Mueller; grandchildren, Pharon Crosby, Elisabeth Gibson-Mueller, Eva Gibson-Mueller, Emily Gibson, and John Gibson; and great-grandson, Wyatt Perry.