Police Chief Robert W. Bacon (1955-2018)

Bob was born July 29, 1954 in Cincinnati to David W. and Marcia (Wood) Bacon.

After high school, Bob joined the United States Army. He was honorably discharged in 1974.

Bob joined the Terrace Park Police Department as a Police Officer in 1981. He was later promoted to Lieutenant. During May 1987, he almost lost his life when, during a struggle with a suspect, the suspect wrestled away from Lieutenant Bacon his revolver and tried to shoot him with it. Lieutenant Bacon grabbed the cylinder as tightly as he could, preventing the would-be murderer from discharging it.



During July 1989, Lieutenant Bacon was appointed Acting Police Chief. The promotion was made permanent on November 1, 1989. One of the first things he did, remembering back to his near death experience a couple of years earlier, was to transition the Department from revolvers to semiautomatic pistols.

During November 1991, he and his department earned a National Child Safety Council award for "outstanding and dedicated service to the safety of children." During December 1991, he was additionally appointed as the village's street commissioner. On January 1, 1996, Chief Bacon was elected President of the Hamilton County Police Chiefs Association. Previously he had served as its vice president, treasurer, and secretary.

Chief Bacon retired at the end of 2005 with 24 years of service, 16 as Police Chief.

For the next 12 years, he sold real estate, retiring again during 2017.

Chief Bacon passed away after a short bout of liver cancer, with his family beside him, on February 15, 2018. He was 63.

He is survived by his children, Chelsea (Russ) Stansell, Jonah (Brooke) Bacon, and Olivia (Devon) Philhower; grandchildren, Brooke, Julia Peyton, Haley, Henry, Elijah, Avalynn, and Mariah; and siblings, David (Patricia) Bacon and Randall Bacon.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at <u>Craver-Riggs Funeral Home</u> at 529 Main Street in Milford. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m.