

# Police Officer John Robert “JB” Batchler (1948-2017)

John was born February 4, 1948.

He joined the Hamilton County Park Rangers in the early 1970s. Ranger Batchler transferred to the Blue Ash Police Department during January 1974. During the 1980s, he was partnered with a Canine, Shane. Later, Officer Batchler was a third shift icon. He was well known in the community, especially those in Blue Ash where he patrolled and Deer Park where he lived. Officer Batchler was known as the silent watchman: he would make the rounds to dozens of Blue Ash businesses at night and watch over the employees to make sure they were safe, even though most of them never noticed his presence. He was also an FTO before Blue Ash had a formal training program. Officer Batchler retired February 1, 2002 with 30 years of service to his communities.



Officer Batchler loved to go camping and being in the outdoors. He died on October 2, 2017 at a favorite camping spot in Oceanside, Maryland with his wife by his side. He was 69.

Officer Batchler is survived by his wife of 44 years, Cathy (Hammerling) Batchler; children, Kate Batchler and John Robert Batchler, Jr.; and brothers Ken Batchler and Greg Batchler.

A gathering of friends and family will be held 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2017 at the [Staley Funeral Home](#), 7140 Plainfield Road, in Deer Park.