

Police Officer Michael Jerome “Smurf” Bray (1954 - 2018)

Mike was born April 3, 1954 to Ben and Wilma I. (Hopkins) Bray. He graduated from Colerain High School in 1973.

Mike’s first venture into law enforcement was with the Railroad Police.



He joined the Blue Ash Police Department as a Police Officer on October 6, 1986. By the 1990s, he was assigned as a Detective and was involved in several high-profile investigations. By 2006, he served as an ombudsman for the department and was the point person for community residents’ safety concerns. His greatest pride was his assignment during 2009 as a Motor Officer on Blue Ash’s new Harley Davidson motorcycle. He was also a self-defense and firearms instructor and taught at area law enforcement academies. He retired during 2014 with 28 years of service to the Blue Ash community.

Officer Bray was diagnosed with brain cancer and, after a determined fight, lost his battle on September 4, 2018 at age 64.

He is survived by his wife, Kimberly D. (Woodrum) Bray; children, Micah (Jessica), Aaron, and Tara (Max); grandchildren, Peyton, Eli, Ari, Lily, and Brolie; and sister, Donna (Keith) Griffin.

Visitation will be held 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday September 7, 2018 at [Strawser Funeral Home](#) 9503 Kenwood Road. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. with Brothers Earl McGuffey and Aaron Faucett presiding. A private burial will take place at later date.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cincinnati, to assist with funeral costs at the funeral home, or his treatment costs at <https://www.gofundme.com/mike-bray-battles-cancer?u=19676770>.