

# Lieutenant Harry Richard “Rick” Burdick, Jr. (1948-2019)

Rick was born June 15, 1948 to Harry Richard “Bud” and Alice (Joering) Burdick.

Rick joined the Blue Ash Police Department on January 2, 1974. He graduated from the Norwood Police Academy on May 3, 1974. Officer Burdick also earned a professional firefighter certification during August 1974. Within



three years, on September 13, 1976, he was promoted to Investigator. During 1978 he received a commendation for his response to a factory explosion. He was named Officer of the Year in 1980. He received another commendation for his response to an armed, barricaded suspect in 1981. He was promoted to Sergeant on November 13, 1981. Sergeant Burdick participated in several Police Olympics and took home two silver medals in 1987. During 1988, Sergeant Burdick was honored at the Annual Police Appreciation Dinner for his work in developing a Voluntary Referee Program. Also in 1988, he received a commendation for rescuing numerous people from a condominium fire. He also received a Hamilton County Police Association award for his work with youth. On February 27, 1993 he was promoted to Lieutenant. He graduated from the FBI National

Academy (177<sup>th</sup> Session) in 1994. Lieutenant Burdick retired April 2, 2002 with 28 years of service; then served as an auxiliary officer for almost another twelve years for a total of forty years.

Lieutenant Burdick and his father were avid Ham Radio operators and he was a member, and past-vice president and past-president, of the Greater Cincinnati Amateur Radio Association.

Lieutenant Burdick was recently diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. He passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at Hospice of Cincinnati in Blue Ash, across the street from the Blue Ash Police Department. He was 70 years old.

He is predeceased by a cousin, Westerville (Ohio) Police Officer Eric Joering, murdered in the line of duty during 2018. Lieutenant Burdick is survived by his wife of 45 years, of Susan A. (nee Massey); children, Mason (Ohio) Police Officer Scott R. (Kelly) Burdick and Jennifer B. (Matt) Kremer; and grandchildren, Abigail Dorsey, Colin Dorsey, Jack Kremer, and Joshua Kremer; and siblings, Robert M. (Donna) Burdick and Mary Ann (Pete) Back.

Visitation will be held 3:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at [Thomas-Justin Memorial](#) at 7500 Montgomery Road. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at [All Saints Catholic Church](#) at 8939 Montgomery Road. Interment will follow at [Gate of Heaven Cemetery](#).

Donations may be directed to [Pancreatic Cancer Action Network](#), or the charity of one’s choice.