

# Sergeant Alan A. “Al” Cruse S-105 (1939-2019)

Al was born August 22, 1939 in Cincinnati, the third child born to Howard (a postal worker) and Frances (Moehringer) Cruse. He attended Roger Bacon High School and graduated in 1957. He also attended Xavier Evening College from 1957 to 1960 and majored in Business Administration.

From 1963 to February 1967 he worked for Willson Dairy on Reading Road as a Salesman. Also during 1967, he worked as an Employment Counselor for Associated Placements, a salesman for the Independent Order of Foresters, and a truck driver for Mohawk Boneless Beef.



Al joined the Cincinnati Police Division on November 19, 1967 as a Police Recruit. He was promoted to Patrolman on February 25, 1968, issued Badge 519, and assigned to District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive). He was promoted to Police Specialist on March 24, 1974 and issued Badge PS-233. On January 5, 1975, Specialist Cruse transferred to District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue). He was promoted to Sergeant on October 29, 1978 and issued Badge S-105. One month later, he transferred to District 4 (4150 Reading Road). Sergeant Cruse also served in District 5, Police Communications Section, District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue), and District 1. He retired February 3, 1993 with 25¼ years of service and 34 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Early on, his favorite form of entertainment was exhibiting dogs at dog shows. He was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and President of Buckeye Associated Club and Miami Valley Doberman Pincher Club.

After retiring he worked as a chauffeur, including for funeral homes.

Sergeant Cruse died of from a massive stroke on June 27, 2019. He was almost 80 years old.



He is predeceased by his son, Robert Cruse (1988), and brother, Walter Cruse. Sergeant Cruse is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Lois R. (Mathes) Cruse; children, Julie (Jeff) Payne, Phyllis (Mark) Gronauer, and John (Sue) Cruse; grandchildren, Stephen, Matthew, Jill, Alex, Abby, and Anna; seven grandchildren; and siblings, Lorri Welling and Patti Hofbauer.

Visitation will be held 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at [Mihovk-Rosenacker Funeral Home](#) at 5527 Cheviot Road. F.O.P. services will be held at 7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at [St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church](#) at 7130 Harrison Avenue. Internment will follow at [St. Mary's Cemetery](#) in St. Bernard.

Memorials may be made to the [Greater Cincinnati Police Museum](#), 308 Reading Road, Suite 201, Cincinnati, OH 45202 or [Mothers Against Drunk Driving](#).