

# Police Officer Gordon Dowers P-393 (1947-2018)

Gordy was born October 9, 1947. He worked at Swallen's No. 1 on Red Bank Road as a sales clerk from December 2, 1964 to February 1, 1967.

On February 2, 1967, he enlisted in the United States Army. His basic training was at Fort Knox, Kentucky and Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He served as a tank driver in Vietnam for a year. Specialist (E-4) Dowers was honorably discharged on February 5, 1970.

When he returned home, he found work as a sales clerk at U Totem Foods on Daily Road until April 21, 1971. He then worked as a laborer for Eastern Hills Fencing on Sutton Avenue. From August 9, 1971 to April 6, 1975 he worked as a yard foreman at Sutherland Lumber Company on Wilmer Road.



Gordy joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on April 13, 1975. He was promoted to Police Officer on September 5, 1975, issued Badge 393, and assigned to District 4 (4150 Reading Road). Officer Dowers and 123 other officers were laid off between December 6, 1976 and April 1, 1979. While laid off, he worked odd jobs, including as a Police Officer for Elmwood Place. He was recalled to the Cincinnati Police Division and was reassigned to District 4. He was rotated to District 2 (3295 Erie Avenue) on November 2, 1980. On January 7, 1995, Officer Dowers retired with 23 years of service to his country and community and 13 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Officer Dowers died on Monday, June 4, 2018, at the age of 70.

A celebration of life will be held 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at the [American Legion Hall, Post 72](#), 497 Old State Route 74 in Mt. Carmel.