

Specialist Raymond “Slim” Easterling PS-180 (1925-2017)

Slim was born August 31, 1925 in Lynch Precinct, Harlan County, Kentucky; one of 7 children born to Motorman John Wesley and Serelda Easterling. He attended Lynch High School for two years.

Slim was drafted into the United States Army on November 16, 1945. He served as a radioman. Corporal Easterling was honorably discharged March 11, 1947.

After military service, he worked as a guard at the Cincinnati Workhouse.

Slim joined the Cincinnati Police Department as a Police Recruit on February 15, 1949. Two months later he was assigned to District 1 (1024 York Street). He was promoted to Patrolman on May 15, 1949 and issued Badge Number 180. After four years, he was transferred to District 5 (3478 Colerain Avenue). Six years later he was transferred to Traffic Bureau (City Hall). On February 27, 1966, he was promoted to Police Specialist having successfully competed in the first examination for that rank, issued new Badge Number PS-180, and assigned to Vice Control Bureau. During the early 1970s, Specialist Easterling also served in Elmer Dunaway’s administration of the FOP. On May 12, 1975 he transferred to Personnel Section and retired on April 3, 1977 after 28+ years and with 16 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.



After retirement, Specialist Easterling operated a bar in downtown Cincinnati.

Specialist Easterling died on October 19, 2017 at the age of 92. At the time of his death, he was the 4th oldest Cincinnati Police employee, oldest to have retired as a Specialist, and the oldest to have served in the Traffic Bureau or Vice Control Bureau.

A graveside service will be held 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at [Highland Cemetery](#) in Fort Mitchell.