

# Sergeant Urban G. “Sonny” Ebert, Jr. S-126 (1941-2018)

Sonny was born September 24, 1941 in Cincinnati to a truck driver, Urban G. Ebert, Sr., and Corrine (Cook) Ebert. Later, his father would join the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office and served until 1949. Sonny attended Elder High School and graduated in June of 1959.

During the summers of 1958 and 1959, Sonny worked as a carpenter’s apprentice for E.A. Zicka & Company.

On August 28, 1959, the Cincinnati Civil Service Commission announced that only 4 of 52 competitors passed the rigorous testing for Cincinnati Police Cadet. Sonny was 3<sup>rd</sup> and joined the Cincinnati Police Division on September 28, 1959. He was assigned to Central Station, the city’s jail in the basement of City Hall.

Almost 4 months later, he joined the United States Army Reserves, taking his training between January and July 1960.



Sonny returned to the Police Division and Central Station on July 24, 1960. He was promoted to Police Recruit on January 14, 1963. He was promoted to Patrolman on April 22, 1963, issued Badge 68, and assigned to District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue). A year later, Patrolman Ebert was rotated to District 2 (314 Broadway). Two 2 years later, he transferred back to District 3. On November 2, 1969 he was promoted to Police Specialist and issued Badge PS-159. Specialist Ebert was transferred to the Tactical Patrol Section in 1970 and thereafter served in Criminal Investigation Section and Vice Control Section (both at 222 East Central Parkway). On June 22, 1975, he was promoted to Sergeant, issued Badge S-126, and assigned to Training Section. Sergeant Ebert also served in District 7 (813 Beecher Street), Personnel Section (310 Lincoln Park Drive), and Property Management Section (314 Broadway).

Sergeant Ebert retired on July 14, 1990 with 30½ years of service to his country and community and 12 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

On January 13, 2016 he had a pacemaker installed for his heart. He also developed kidney disease and was put on dialysis. Sergeant Ebert died on March 23, 2018 at the age of 76½.

He is survived by his wife, Carol (Wright) Ebert; children, Pam Umney, Patty Hils, Mike Ebert, Dave Ebert; 14 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; sister, Dee Meyer; and brother-in-law, Don (Nora) Wright.

Visitation will be held 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at the [Radel Funeral Home](#), 650 Neeb Road. An FOP Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at [St. Teresa of Avila Church](#).

Memorials may be made to Children’s Hospital StarShine Hospice at 3333 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229.