

Lieutenant John B. Edwards L-33 (1928-2017)

John was born October 18, 1928, in Columbus, Ohio to New York transplants, Edwin E. and Vera (Decico) Edwards. After 1940, they moved to Cincinnati and John attended Withrow High School from 1942 to 1944.

Barely 16 years old, he enlisted in the United States Army on December 14, 1944 serving in the Infantry during World War II. He was discharged as a private 7 months later on July 15, 1945.

After military service, from 1948 to 1952, John worked for Robinson Cleaners in Wyoming and Teasdale Cleaners in Avondale. From 1952 to 1953 he worked as a lathe operator for the Ford Motor Company on Erie Avenue.



John joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on April 13, 1953. He was transferred to District 2 (314 Broadway) on June 15, 1953 and a month later was promoted to Patrolman and issued Badge Number 322. Patrolman Edwards also served in District 6 (3295 Erie Avenue) and District 7 (813 Beecher Street). On November 15, 1964, he was promoted to Sergeant, issued Badge Number S-41, and returned to District 2. Sergeant Edwards also served in District 6 and Crime Bureau (City Hall). He was promoted to Lieutenant on December 8, 1968, issued Badge Number L-33, and assigned to District 7. Lieutenant Edwards also served in District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue), Internal Investigations Section (310 Lincoln Park Drive), District 6, and Youth Aid Squad (also on Lincoln Park Drive). During 1973, he graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy. He retired January 2, 1982 with almost 29 years of service.

He died, surrounded by family, at the Beechwood Nursing Home on July 11, 2017 at the age of 88, the 4th oldest surviving Cincinnati Police Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Edwards was predeceased by his sister, Kate Butterfield. He is survived by his wife, Ellen (Amann) Edwards; children, Brad (Amber Senior) Edwards, Vickie Edwards, John (Lorie) Edwards Jr., Allan (Melissa) Holderby, Victor (Tia) Holderby, and Chad Holderby; grandchildren, Gary, Molly, John III, Hannah, Colin, Jade, Jacoby, Jarrett, Jameson, and Jaclyn; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at T.P. White Funeral Home, 2020 Beechmont Avenue. FOP Services are at 12:45 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m.