

Police Specialist Harry James Gilbert PS-108 (1945-2019)

Harry was born January 7, 1945 to Harry S. and Ina E. Gilbert. He attended Western Hills High School, graduating in 1963.

Two years later, on June 9, 1965, Harry joined the United States Army. He served three years as an Assistant Crew Chief in the Army Air Defense Command during the Vietnam War. Specialist (E-4) Gilbert was honorably discharged on June 7, 1968 with Good Conduct Medal.



Harry joined the Deer Park Police Department as a Patrolman June 28, 1968 and continued as such until March 1969. He attended the Norwood Police Academy earning a certificate in Basic Police Training.

For six months, he worked for his father installing heating units and drove a truck for Roberts and Porter, Inc. Photography.

He then joined the Springdale Police Department September 7, 1969 and served there until October 29, 1972.



Finally, on October 29, 1972, he joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit. He was promoted to Patrolman on February 25, 1973, issued Badge 172, and assigned to District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue). A year later he was rotated to District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue), where he would serve the rest of his career. On July 11, 1993 he was promoted to Police Specialist and issued Badge PS-108. In his later years he earned outstanding personnel evaluations and legendary status as a Desk Man. Specialist Gilbert retired on September 4, 1999 with 34 years of service to his country and three communities and twelve letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Specialist Gilbert was a member of one or another local lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police nearly his entire adult life. He was also a member of the American Legion.

Officer Gilbert battled Leukemia for five years before suddenly declining at the beginning of 2019. He passed away at home, surrounded by family, on January 8, 2019, one day after his 74th birthday.

Specialist Gilbert is survived by his wife of 50 years, Reba (Huddleston) Gilbert; children, Michelle Lamb, Franklin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy James (Shannon) Gilbert, and Cincinnati Police Officer Eric Alan Gilbert; grandchildren, Aaron Lamb, Evan Lamb, Jacob Gilbert, Jimmy Gilbert, Kevin (Tori) Ramsey, Hailee Ramsey, and Riley Corbin; great-grandchildren, Kaysen Ramsey; and brother-in-law Bob (Toni) Huddleston.

A visitation will be held 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, January 11, 2019 at the [Dalbert, Woodruff, and Isengole Funeral Home](#), 2880 Boudinot Avenue. FOP services will be held at 8 p.m. Another visitation and funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to [Hospice of Cincinnati](#) or [Honor Flight Tri-State](#).