

Patrolman James Edward Hoekstra (1929-2017)

Jim was born December 14, 1929 in Dune, Iowa. He attended Woodward High School and graduated in 1946.

On September 13, 1950, Jim enlisted in the United States Marine Corps to fight in the Korean War. He took Basic Training and then trained as a 105mm Howitzer Cannoneer. He shipped off to Korea and served there for 15 months, during which earned a Field Promotion to Staff Sergeant. Upon return to the United States, he served as a Section Chief at Camp LeJeune. S/Sgt Hoekstra was honorably discharged on September 27, 1953.



Jim joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on July 3, 1955. On October 10, 1955 he was promoted to Patrolman, assigned Badge Number 786, and assigned to District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive). During April of the next year he was rotated to District 5 (1024 York Street). He also served in District 4 (7017 Vine Street) and 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue). Patrolman Hoekstra resigned on July 13, 1962 to go into business for himself. By then, he had served his country and community for 10 years and received 3 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Patrolman Hoekstra went on to found Hoekstra Fresh Produce.

Patrolman Hoekstra died on December 8, 2017.

He was predeceased by 2 wives, JoAnn (Leo) Hoekstra and Patricia (Meyer) Hoekstra. He is survived by his children, Anthony Hoekstra, Diane Geiser, David Hoekstra, Kathy Steele, Jody Ringnalda, and James Hoekstra II; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brother, John Hoekstra, and sisters-in-law Pauline Janney, Joyce Leo, Anna Marie Leo, and Louise Barnisky.

A funeral service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 16, 2017, at the [Phillips Memorial CME Church](#) at 839 W North Bend Road.

Memorials may be made to the City Gospel Mission, 1805 Dalton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.