

Lieutenant Raymond E. Houchell (1941-2018)

Ray was born October 11, 1941 in Hamilton to William T. and Elizabeth "Betty" Conrad Houchell. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army. He married Sandra L. Osborne on October 21, 1961.



Ray served as a Special Deputy for the Butler County Sheriff's Office. He joined the Fairfield Police Department as a Patrolman during 1969. He completed basic training at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy November 11, 1969 and was voted Class Speaker. A few years later, he completed Emergency Victim Care Training and received an award from the National Safety Council. During 1975 he was one of three law enforcement officers given Department of Highway Safety scholarships for study in traffic safety "as the most outstanding police officer in the State of Ohio for contributions to highway safety." He was also active in the Fairfield High School with drinking and driving awareness. During 1976 his Fairfield Bicycle Traffic Court won a second award from the National Safety Council.

A member of the Fairfield Police Pistol Team, he successfully completed advanced training at Camp Perry during August 1976. By January 1977, he was shooting at the Distinguished Expert level. Also in 1977, he was a coach for the Fairfield Explorer Post Number 914. He was also their crime prevention officer and during 1979 he was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Butler County Community Assistance Program. By 1984 he was promoted to Sergeant and still handling crime prevention and Explorer post duties. By 1990, he had been promoted to Lieutenant. He retired in 1997 after 28 years of service.

Lieutenant Houchell passed away at Veranda Gardens Nursing Home on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the age 77.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Sandra L (Osborne) Houchell (2003), and sister, Jacquelin Kay Simpson. Lieutenant Houchell is survived by his children, Chad (Cindy) Houchell and Traci (Chris) Onkst; grandchildren, Austin, Adam, Mikayla, Megan, Elliana, Jake and Peyton.

Visitation and a funeral service was held on Saturday, December 22, 2018, at Brown Dawson Flick Funeral Home. Burial will occur at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 24, 2018 at [Greenwood Cemetery](#).

Memorial contributions can be made to the Huntington's Disease Society of America.