Police Officer Scott C. Jenkins (1962-2018)

Scott was born September 11, 1962 to Cincinnati Patrolman William J. Jenkins and Marilyn Brockman. He attended the University of Cincinnati and graduated in 1984 with an Associate degree in Criminal Justice.

Since he was four years old and until he was twenty, Scott's father was a Cincinnati "detective." Intent on following in his footsteps, Scott joined the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in 1985 as a Corrections Officer. He graduated as a Certified Ohio Peace Officer from the Scarlet Oaks Police Academy in 1988.



Deputy Jenkins joined the Harrison Police Department as a Police Officer, sworn in by Mayor Ham Rolfes on September 13, 1988. During the 1992 school year, he coordinated with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to begin the first DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in Southwest Local School District. During January 1993 he graduated from the DARE Training Program at London, Ohio. He participated in the program for ten years. During April 1997 he was selected outstanding young police officer by the Greater Cincinnati Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees). During May 2007, he was awarded a Law Enforcement Community Police Appreciation and Act of Bravery Award at the annual Cincinnati Police Memorial ceremony for talking down a suicidal person 30 feet above I-74 on an overpass during April 2006. He graduated from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Basic and Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation schools as well as their

Technical and Vehicle Dynamics courses and was a member of the Harrison Traffic Safety Section. He was also assigned as a Field Training Officer. His additional duties included Police Explorer Post #160 Advisor and Vehicle Maintenance Officer.

During his career he earned from the City of and/or Police Department of Harrison a 9-11 Law Enforcement Memorial Award; multiple Exemplary Service Awards, Exemplary Conduct Awards, Officer of the Year Awards, and Merit Awards; Valor Award, and Honorable Service Award. Other awards not already mentioned included the National Child Safety Council Child Safety Award; DARE Officer of the Year Award; Harrison Exchange Club's Police Officer of the Year Award; Hamilton County PTA's Friend of Children Award; DARE Association of Ohio 10 Year Service Award; Cincinnati Christian University's Beyond the Call Award; American Legion Post 199 Law Officer of the Year Award, and a General Assembly of Ohio Senate Commendation for Outstanding Achievement.

Officer Jenkins retired from the Harrison Police Department September 19, 2018 with 33 years of service to his county and community and dozens of letters of appreciation and/or commendation from citizens, judges and other law enforcement agencies.

During July 2013, Officer Jenkins began working part time at the Hamilton County Coroner's Office and continued after his retirement.

He died suddenly on December 17, 2018 at the age of 56. Officer Jenkins is survived by his daughter, Victoria Jenkins; sister, Cara Underwood; nephews, Morgan Underwood and Ethan Underwood; former spouse, Karen Owens; and fiancé, Kristi Burns.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2018 at the <u>Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home</u> at 10385 New Haven Road in Harrison. An F.O.P. service will be held at 7:45 p.m. *Final Inspection* will be read at 8:05 p.m. He will be laid to rest at noon on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at <u>Spring Grove Cemetery</u>.

Memorials may be made to the Greater Cincinnati Police Museum, 308 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.