

Police Specialist Earl Elmer Kling PS-71 (1929-2018)

Earl was born September 5, 1929 in Cincinnati to Earl W. and Edna (Hirsch) Kling. He attended Western Hills High School from 1943 to 1945.

Earl married Mary Jo Clore on November 16, 1946. Also in November, he started work as a turret lathe operator at the Lunkenheimer Company until January 1951. He then drove a bus for the Cincinnati Transit Company until January 1952.

Earl joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on January 22, 1952. He was promoted to Patrolman on April 27, 1952, issued Badge No.421, and assigned to District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue). He was rotated to the “new” District 4 (7017 Vine Street on March 29, 1953. Patrolman Kling also served in Districts 1 (1024 York Street) and the “new” District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue). On February 27, 1966, he was promoted to Specialist after successfully competing on the first competitive examination for that rank, assigned to the Tactical Unit, and issued Badge No. PS-71. Specialist Kling also served in District 5 (again), Criminal Investigation Section, Operations Bureau, Program Management Bureau, Tactical Planning Section, and Traffic Section. He retired July 2, 1986 with 33½ years of service, very high performance evaluations, and 19 letters of appreciation and/or commendation; including 7 from police chiefs.



Specialist Kling contract Prostate Cancer and was recently admitted into Hospice of Cincinnati at Twin Towers. He passed away peacefully on August 9, 2018, less than a month before his 89th birthday.

He was predeceased by his wife of almost 70 years, Mary Jo (Clore) King, during September 2016 and brother, Donald Kling. Specialist Kling is survived by his children, Donna Lee, Sharon Louise (Gary Anthony) Kory, and Deborah Mallory; grandchildren, Chris (Jennie) Charlton, Courtney (Don) Matarazzo, Tara (Jeff) Meyer, Matt Kory, and Nick Kory; 8 great grandchildren; and a sister, Lois Bollinger.

Visitation will be held 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at [Meyer Funeral Home](#) at 5864 Bridgetown Road. FOP and funeral services will begin at 1:15 p.m. Interment will take place at [St. Joseph Cemetery and Mausoleum](#) at 3819 W. 8th Street.

Memorials may be made to the [Greater Cincinnati Police Museum](#) at 308 Reading Road, Suite 201, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 or [Hospice of Cincinnati](#), PO Box 633597, Cincinnati, OH 45263.