

Police Officer Ronald Joseph McConn, Sr. P558 (1946-2017)

Ron was born October 5, 1946 to Daniel E. and Ruth M. (Breving) McConn, Sr. He attended McNicholas High School. During the summers, and occasionally into the fall, Ron worked for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission as a weeder. He graduated in 1964. He then attended the University of Cincinnati until 1966, majoring in Retail Management.

While attending college, he took a 3-month hiatus to Nashville, Tennessee and worked for Jarman Shoes. He returned to Cincinnati in February 1966 and worked at Universal Contracting Corporation. During May 1967 he moved to Grand Rapids and worked for the Bissell Rental Service Company, but was laid off and returned to Cincinnati.



Ron joined the Cincinnati Police Division just after his 21st birthday on November 19, 1967 as a Police Recruit. On February 25, 1968 he was promoted to Patrolman, issued Badge 558, and assigned to District 6 (3295 Erie Avenue). Little more than a month later, he received a Chief's Commendation for a Burglary investigation. On October 20, 1969 he and Patrolman Harold Wiesbrodt caught two burglars in the act at 6326 Madison Road and shot one of them. Then, still with less than 2 years on the job, he received a second Chief's Commendation for the apprehension of an armed robber. On November 5, 1972 he transferred to the Traffic Section under the grant-funded Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP).

We understand that while assigned, he had a fall in the District 1 garage, injuring his knee. On January 6, 1974, he transferred to District 7 (813 Beecher street). On February 23, 1976, he transferred to Communication Section (310 Lincoln Park Drive). Apparently, unable to resolve the injury, on January 7, 1979, he took a voluntary demotion to Computer Operator 2 at the Regional Crime Information Center. By then he had earned 7 letters of appreciation and/or commendation in 11 years.

By October 26, 1980 he was promoted to Lead Computer Operator. Then, during March 1983, he was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Computer Operators. He retired on August 31, 1991 with almost 24 years of total service to the law enforcement community.

Officer McConn initially retired to Florida in 1992. One day while golfing, his police training came back to him when a 69-year-old man had a heart attack. He rushed to give CPR and saved the man's life.

More recently, Officer McConn and his wife moved to Callawassie Island, South Carolina.

Officer McConn passed away at Beaufort Memorial Hospital on December 5, 2017 at the age of 71.

He is survived by his wife, Carol (Herrmann) McConn, who he first married more than 49 years ago; children, Ronald J. (Dejah) McConn, Jr., Christopher (Robin) McConn, and Erin (Matthew Morris) McConn-Allen; grandchildren, Aisling, Cian, Grace and Brendan; and siblings, Daniel E. (Linda) McConn, Jr. and Paula (Daniel) O'Brien.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at [St. Gregory's Catholic Church](#) in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to the Good Neighbor Free Medical Clinic, 30 Professional Village, Beaufort, SC 29907.