

Lieutenant Carl Robert Wertz (1944-2017)

Carl was born September 27, 1944, in Hamilton, Ohio, to Carl J. and Lorraine (Thompson) Wertz. He graduated from Garfield High School and graduated in 1962.

Three months later, at 17, on September 24, 1962, Carl joined the United States Navy. He was initially assigned to Aviation and served 3 months as a Storekeeper in Norfolk, Virginia. He transferred to Puerto Rico for 6 months. He then transferred to Shore Patrol and served almost 3 years there. Petty Officer 3rd Class Wertz was honorably discharged on January 19, 1966.

After military service, he worked as a sales representative for Olivetti-Underwood on Woodburn Avenue until 1967 and then in public relations for Waterman-Bic Corporation in Washington D.C. until 1968.

Carl joined the Prince George County Police Department in Maryland on March 1, 1968 and served as a Patrolman until relocating to Cincinnati during November 1969.



Patrolman Wertz joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on November 9, 1969. He was promoted to Patrolman on February 22, 1969, issued Badge Number 817, and assigned to District 4 (7017 Vine Street). Five years later, he was promoted to Sergeant, issued Badge Number S-54, and transferred to the Police Academy (old Cincinnati Technical College). Sergeant Wertz also served in District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue) and District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive). On May 13, 1974, Sergeant Wertz was cited for investigative work at the annual Hamilton County Law Enforcement Awards Dinner. He was promoted to Lieutenant on January 19, 1986, issued Badge Number L-40, and transferred to District 4 (by then 4150 Reading Road) and later assigned as the Investigative Unit Commander. Lieutenant Wertz retired July 24, 1992 with 26 years of service to his country and communities and 27 letters of appreciation and/or commendation, including 5 from Cincinnati or other city Police Chiefs.

Lieutenant Wertz passed away in Danville, Kentucky on May 5, 2017 at the age of 72.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Tanner Harris. Lieutenant Wertz is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Kloentrup) Wertz of Danville, Kentucky; children, Jay (Kathy) Wertz, Kelly (Kevin) Harris, and Jennifer L. Wertz; step-sons, John W. (Gina) Crowe, III and David (Nikki) Crowe; grandchildren, Alexander Wertz, Jackson Wertz, Payton Harris, and Kody Harris; and siblings, Rick (Jean) Wertz, Randy (JoAnne) Wertz, and Linda (Don) Noes.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Allen Carter at 12 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2017 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Danville. Burial will be in Camp Nelson National Cemetery.