

Police Officer James A. “Ollie” Oliver P535 (1943-2019)

Ollie was born June 28, 1943 in Cincinnati to James Carlton and Myrtle L. (Borchers) Oliver. He attended Roger Bacon High School and graduated in 1961.

Upon graduation, he took a position as Animal Care Lead Man at William S. Merrill Company until 1966.



Ollie joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on August 25, 1966. He was promoted to Patrolman on December 27, 1966, issued Badge 535, and assigned to District 7 (813 Beecher Street). He was rotated to District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue) on January 7, 1968. Officer Oliver transferred to District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive) 11½ years later in 1979 and began working with Olex, his canine partner. For a short time, he was assigned with Officer Robert Nunnely in District 1 and their shift commander considered them to be one of the top three ‘partner units’ he had seen in 25 years as a lieutenant. He transferred again to Central Vice Control during 1988 and handled the Division’s first ‘drug sniffing’ dog. He then transferred to Operation Street Corner (a street level drug unit) on April 1, 1990. Even in his last year of service, he was a production leader and had the enthusiasm of a new recruit, according to his last commander. On January 9,

1994, Officer Oliver retired with 27 years of service and an incredible 64 letters of appreciation and/or commendation; including 13 from police chiefs and one from a Hamilton County Sheriff.

During mid-2018, Officer Oliver was diagnosed with lung cancer. By early February 2019 he was under hospice care. He passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones, at 10:06 p.m. on February 11, 2019.

Officer Oliver is survived by his children, Kimberly (Michael) Farrell, Stephanie (Robert) Evans, and James Scott (Maria Bentz) Oliver; grandchildren, Ashtyn L. Farrell, Eden T. Farrell, Birmingham Police Officer Jeffrey J. Wise, Courtney A. Evans, Mason J. Bentz-Oliver, and Stella R. Oliver; and sister, Mary C. Oelling. He is also survived by long-standing friends, Bill Wesley, Steve Roos, Tom Borchers (cousin), and Ed Baumann (brother-in-law).

A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2019 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at [Mihovk-Rosenacker Funeral Home](#), 10211 Plainfield Road. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cincinnati.