

Police Specialist Richard P. “Dick” Pahner PS-197 (1935-2019)

Dick was born March 16, 1935 in Cincinnati to Paul T. and Edith (Huffman) Pahner. He graduated from Mariemont High School during 1953.

Three months later, he joined the United States Army on September 3, 1953. His infantry training was at Fort Knox and Artillery Training at Fort Benning. After which, he was assigned to the 155th Artillery Battalion in Germany. Specialist 3 Pahner was given an honorable discharge on August 23, 1955.

After returning home, during March 1956, he took a position as Collections Manager for City Loan and Savings on E. 6th Street. He married Marystell Costello on August 10, 1957.



Dick joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on October 12, 1959. He was promoted to Patrolman on February 3, 1960, issued Badge 482, and assigned to District 6 (3295 Erie Avenue). He was rotated to District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive) on year later. Six year later, on January 22, 1967, he was promoted to Police Specialist, and issued Badge PS-197. On April 14, 1968 he transferred to the Tactical Unit. From 1973 to 1978, Specialist Pahner was a canine officer. He and his partner, Peppy, gained acclaim when they found a 12-year-old, deaf, mute critical missing boy in 1974. He and Peppy transferred back to District 6 on January 7, 1975. On August 13, 1978, he transferred to Criminalistics Section.

Specialist Pahner retired on July 4, 1987 with almost 30 years of service to his country and community and eleven letters of appreciation and/or commendation; including three from police chiefs.

Specialist Pahner passed away on March 8, 2019, eight days short of his 84th birthday.

He was predeceased by his brother Gilbert Pahner. Specialist Pahner is survived by his wife of 61½ years, Marystell (Costello) Pahner; sons, Steven R. (Linda) Pahner and Addyston Police Lieutenant David W. (Cathy L.) Pahner (retired); grandchildren, Brian Pahner, Michael Pahner, Casey Pahner, and Emily Pahner; and great-grandchildren, Greyson, Ryker, and Warren.

Visitation will be held 11 a.m. to 12 Noon on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the [Dennis George Funeral Home](#) at 44 South Miami Avenue in Cleves. FOP and funeral services will begin at 12 Noon.

Donations may be made to [Honor Flight Tri-State](#).