

Police Officer Francis E. Parrish, Jr. (1937-2017)

Francis was born December 16, 1937 to fruit store owners Francis and Mary Parrish, Sr. of South 8th Street in Hamilton.



He joined the Hamilton Police Department as a Patrolman on August 13, 1966 and was very highly regarded in that capacity. His commendations include those personally issued by a Hamilton Fire Chief for his heroic efforts in trying to revive Fire Captain Thomas (1968), who died in the line of duty, and from Hamilton Police Chiefs for a drug arrest (1972), Aggravated Robbery arrest (1973), and arrest of two burglars (1974). Officer Parrish retired on June 30, 1990, after 24 years of service, with a disability and a dire prognosis.

Off duty, Officer Parrish was renowned as a swimming coach. Area newspapers are replete with articles regarding his teams' performances, his personal prowess, and his stature among other coaches and teams.

His personal physical battle finally ended June 19, 2017 at the age of 79½. Hamilton Police Chief, Colonel Craig R. Bucheit declared a period of morning from June 28 to July 4, 2017.

A memorial gathering will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at Brown Dawson Flick Funeral Home, 1350 Millville Avenue in Hamilton. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m.