

Police Officer Daniel Henry Patterson P-471 (1941-2018)

Danny was born January 9, 1941 to Harold Leroy and Beulah Jean (McLaughlin) Patterson. Danny attended Colerain High School and graduated in June of 1959. He attended Wilmington College during 1960 and 1961, majoring in Physical Education and minoring in Industrial Education.

During the summer of 1960, he worked for Kramic Insulation, insulating pipes. From September 1960 to June 1961, while attending college, he worked as a welder for the Randal Company. For the next 12 months, he worked as a lathe machinist at Cincinnati Die Casting. Also, during 1962 he worked for United Parcel Service.



Danny joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on January 14, 1963. He was promoted to Patrolman on April 22, 1963, issued Badge 471, and assigned to District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue). On June 4, 1964, he was rotated to District 4 (7017 Vine Street).

On June 14, 1969, Patrolman Patterson responded to a call for a domestic problem at Diebold, Inc. on Paddock. As he walked into the office, he was ambushed and shot three times; in the stomach, left foot, and right arm. He returned fire and killed his assailant. After 11 hours of surgery and 18 pints of blood, he was listed in critical condition and near death. Five days later, he was taken off the critical list. After several months, he returned to his beat in District 4.

During 1972 he transferred back to District 5 and remained there the balance of his career. He was a classic-style beat cop who knew everyone on his beat and disallowed other officers from taking calls for service there. Police Officer Patterson retired January 13, 1996, with exactly 33 years of service and 63 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Police Officer Patterson passed away on March 28, 2018. He was 77.

He is survived by his sisters Judith (Patterson) Schlarmann and Constance (Patterson) Breehne and at least one niece, Lori (Breehne) Burns, a 911 dispatcher in Kentucky.