

# Lieutenant Robert L. Pope L-13 (1928-2017)

Robert was born December 21, 1928 to Roy and Willa Pope. He attended Hughes High School from September 1943 to October 1946.

At 17 years old, he joined the United States Marine Corps on October 23, 1946. After boot camp, he served in China for almost 2 years and was one of the last to leave China. Corporal Pope was honorably discharged October 22, 1949.

During 1950, he worked as a coil winder for Foster Transformer Company.

At 21, Robert joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on December 15, 1950. On March 15, 1951, he was promoted to Patrolman, issued Badge Number 690, and assigned to District 5 (3478 Colerain Avenue). He was rotated to District 1 (1024 York Street) on February 1, 1953. He also served for in District 7 (813 Beecher Street) before returning back to District 5.



On February 27, 1966, he was one of the first to be promoted to the new rank of Police Specialist and issued Badge Number PS-144. On April 14, 1968 he was promoted again, to Sergeant, issued Badge Number S-78, and assigned to District 1 (which had moved to 310 Lincoln Park Drive). Sergeant Pope also served in District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue). On January 17, 1971 he was promoted to Lieutenant, issued Badge Number L-13, and again assigned to District 7. A year later he was transferred to Program Management Bureau, then Training and Education Section, and finally Planning, Research, and Development Section. Lieutenant Pope retired on July 3, 1984 with 37 years of service to his country and community and 19 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

On December 5, 2017, Lieutenant Pope, after an extended illness, was admitted to hospice care. Lieutenant Pope died, surrounded by family and in the comfort of his home in Crestview Hills, at 1 a.m. on December 8, 2017; 13 days short of his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday. At the time of his death, he was the 22<sup>nd</sup> oldest living former Cincinnati police officer, 4<sup>th</sup> oldest lieutenant, and oldest to have once served in the Division's Program Management Bureau.

He was predeceased by his son, Cincinnati Police Officer Daniel Pope; killed in the line of duty December 5, 1997. Lieutenant Pope is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary Jane (Pfaff) Pope; children, Robert (Robyn) Pope Jr. and Kathy (Ted) Kaiser; grandchildren, Annie (Kevin) Zinser, Stephanie (Joe) Ewald, Tim (Lauren) Kaiser, and Kyle Pope; and 7 great-grandchildren.

A memorial visitation will be held 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at [Blessed Sacrament Church](#) at 2409 Dixie Highway. An FOP service will be held at 9:45 a.m. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m.

Memorials may be made to St. Elizabeth Hospice, 483 South Loop Drive, Edgewood, KY 41017.