

Lieutenant Russell Kenneth "Russ" Rohling, Sr. (1947-2018)

Russ was born on February 18, 1947 in Berea to John C. and June (Jackson) Rohling.

After high school, during the Vietnam War, Russ enlisted in the United States Navy. He served as a Fireman, later as a Machinist Mate 3/c, aboard the anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier, USS. Intrepid; the "Fighting I". He served two years of active duty and four years in reserve.



About 1969, Russ joined the Covington Police Department as a Patrolman. During September 1972, he was 1 of 7 patrolmen assigned to the newly formed Community Relations Division. During 1975 he was elected as Vice President of the local lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police. During 1984 he was still Vice President and a Sergeant. By 1987, he was promoted to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Rohling attended and graduated from the 119th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. He retired in 1995 with 30 years of service to his country and community.



Lieutenant Rohling had a wide range of interests and talents; including model trains, was a licensed private plane pilot and aircraft mechanic, a Norfolk and Southern Railway Engineer, and a licensed HAM Radio Operator.

Lieutenant Rohling battled heart disease and diabetes for many years. He passed away peacefully on Monday, February 19, 2018 at St. Elizabeth Hospital. He was also an organ donor and at least two people have become whole because of his gifts.

He was predeceased by his brother, John Rohling. Lieutenant Rohling is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary Lou (Unkraut) Rohling; children, Kimberly Ann (Tod) Hollifield, Kenneth Charles Rohling, and Russell Kenneth (Jennifer) Rohling, Jr.; grandchildren, Ben Rohling, Jennifer [Smith](#), Katy Hood, Michael Hollifield, Mitchell Hollifield, Jake Rohling, Matthew Rohling, Andy Rohling and Bailey Mae Rohling; great-grandson, Archer Sebastian Hood. siblings, Larry (Janet) Rohling, Marilyn (Paul) Busch; sister-in-law, Marilyn Rohling.

Visitation will be held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2018 at [Connley Brothers Funeral Home](#) at 11 East Southern Avenue in Latonia. A Catholic funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Interment will be at [Mother of God Cemetery](#).

Memorials are suggested to [The American Heart Association](#).