

# Police Officer Kenneth Edwin Smith P-424 (1945-2018)

Ken was born April 4, 1945 in Bellevue Kentucky to Walter K. and Jean Smith. He attended Sacred Heart Elementary School and Newport Catholic High School, graduating in 1964.

After graduation, Ken began work at the Pennsylvania Railroad as a yard brakeman. During September 1964 he quit to be a sales clerk for Pittsburgh Plate Glass.

Ken joined the Cincinnati Police Department as a Police Cadet on September 5, 1965. Three months later he was inducted in the United States Army.

He did basic training in Fort Knox and served as a Military Policeman in the 241<sup>st</sup> Military Police Detachment during the Vietnam War. On December 3, 1967, Sergeant Smith was honorably discharged with a National Defense Ribbon.



On December 17, 1967 Ken was reinstated to the Police Department and assigned to Traffic Bureau. One month later, he transferred to Records Section. On March 24, 1968 he was promoted to Police Recruit. On June 30, 1968 he was promoted to Patrolman, issued Badge 424, and assigned to District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue). Patrolman Smith also served in District 1 (310 Ezzard Charles Drive) for 2 years. On June 24, 1990, Officer Smith was assigned as the Department's School Crossing Guard Coordinator. He retired on April 10, 1993 with 26 years of service to his country and community and 20 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Officer Smith moved to Florida after retiring. He had been having medical issues there and died suddenly on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

He was predeceased by his wife of 37 years, Jackie Smith. Officer Smith is survived by his children, Amy Richards, Kenneth Smith, Lynne Braun, Lisa Henger, and Michael Bollinger; 7 grandchildren; and 4 brothers.

An FOP service will be held at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the [Sacred Heart Catholic Church](#) at 318 Division Street in Bellevue. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow at the [Divine Mercy Charity Hall](#) at 312 Poplar Street in Bellevue. Burial will be at the Dayton National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society, 308 Reading Road, Suite 201, Cincinnati, OH 45202 or to a veterans' organization of your choice.