

# Specialist John H. Tobertge PS-70 (1929-2017)

John was born October 2, 1928 in Cincinnati to Cincinnati Police Sergeant Harry J. and Marie Tobertge. When he was 7-years-old, his father was promoted to Lieutenant. John attended Roger Bacon High School and graduated June 1946 and the University of Cincinnati until 1949 majoring in business administration.

From May 1945 to March 1951, he worked after school as a clerk at Hebert's Delicatessen. After high school, he worked as an accountant for Crosley Avco.



John joined his father in the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on December 15, 1950. He was promoted to Patrolman on March 15, 1951, issued Badge No. 672, and assigned to District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive). Lieutenant Tobertge retired during 1952. Patrolman Tobertge was rotated to District 7 (813 Beecher Street) January 1, 1953. He also served in District 2 (314 Broadway) and again in District 1. On February 27, 1966, he was promoted to Specialist after successfully competing on the first promotional examination for that position, issued Badge No. PS-70, and transferred to District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue). He transferred to Criminal Investigation Section (222 East Central Parkway) in 1972. During 1974 he transferred to District 4 (4150 Reading Road). Specialist Tobertge retired on July 18, 1981 with 30 years of service and 13 letters of appreciation and/or commendations.

During his career, Specialist Tobertge became a legend in the Fraternal Order of Police and continued well into the 1980s and has since been inducted into the FOP Hall of Fame.

During 2011, Specialist Tobertge suffered a stroke. He was readmitted to a hospital for complications during January 2012. Then, during September 2012, he suffered another stroke, after which he transferred to Hildebrand Nursing Home. Specialist Tobertge passed away on September 5, 2017, at the age of 88.

He was predeceased by his sister Lou Ann Schulte. Specialist Tobertge was survived by his wife of 65 years, Hazel (Busam) Tobertge; children, James Tobertge and Mark (Laura) Tobertge; and grandchildren, Elizabeth Tobertge and Grace Tobertge.

Visitation was held 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017 at St. Boniface Church in Northside. An FOP Service was held at 9:45 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. and interment followed at Old St. Joseph's Cemetery.