

Captain Raymond L. Turner (1935-2018)

Ray was born July 3, 1935 in Cincinnati to Edward G. and Jeanette A. (Lang) Turner. When he was four, his father joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Patrolman. When he was 15, his uncle Norbert Lang also joined the Division. Ray attended Purcell High School where he was an honor student, served as Class Secretary, and played football and intramural basketball. He graduated in 1953. He also attended the University of Cincinnati from 1953 to 1955, majoring in Pharmacy, and later earned a degree in Police Management at Xavier University.

For five years, Ray worked part time at Pack's Pharmacy on Madison Road. He worked nine months at Ford Motor Company on Red Bank. From May 1955 to June 1956 he worked at the Bickford Tool Company. Then he worked at the United States Post Office as a mail carrier until 1957.



Finally, Ray followed his dad, by then a Sergeant, and Uncle Norbert into the Cincinnati Police Division, as a Recruit, on September 9, 1957. He was promoted to Patrolman on January 6, 1958, issued Badge 411, and assigned to District 7 (813 Beecher Street). After 13 months, he was rotated to District 2 (314 Broadway) and a year later to District 6 (3295 Erie Avenue). On October 20, 1963 he was promoted to Patrolman 2 and assigned to Juvenile Bureau (City Hall). He was promoted to Detective on March 8, 1964, issued Badge D-23, and assigned to Crime Bureau (City Hall). He was promoted to Sergeant January 31, 1965, issued Badge S-24, and reassigned to District 7. A year later, Sergeant Turner rotated to District 4 (7017 Vine Street).

Two years later, on April 14, 1968, he was promoted to Lieutenant, issued Badge L-23, and reassigned to District 6. Lieutenant Turner also served in District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive) and District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue), Tactical Planning Section, and Training Section (Cincinnati State College). On February 10, 1974, he was promoted to Captain and assigned as Inspection Section Commander. He completed the Southern Police Institute Administrative Officers' Course during June 1974 and United States Army Military Police School in March 1975. Captain Turner also commanded Criminal Investigation Section (222 E. Central Parkway) and District 2 and

served as Night Chief out of the Operations Bureau and Inspectional Services Bureau. He was greatly admired by the street cops working nights during his stints as Night Chief and always brought a smile with him wherever he went. He retired out of Criminal Investigation Section on May 16, 1987 with almost 30 years of service and 35 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Captain Turner was also "Sir Prize the Magician" and took his show on the road to hundreds of venues over the course of several decades, entertaining all, but mostly kids. In retirement, Captain Turner was a regular at meetings of retired officers and continued his lifelong hobbies of fishing and golf.

During October 2012, Captain Turner had a heart valve replacement. During January 2018, he suffered a heart attack and was also suffering from Alzheimer's. By July, he was suffering from Sepsis and other maladies. Captain Turner passed away, surrounded by family, at 4 a.m. on December 20, 2018 at the age 83.

He was predeceased by his parents, Sergeant Edward G. and Jeanette Turner; son, Raymond Turner, Jr.; and uncle, Specialist Norbert Lang; and daughter-in-law, Brenda Turner. Captain Turner is survived by his wife 63½ years, Kathryn M. (Leggett) Turner; children, Sergeant David R. (Dana) Turner, Sr. (Retired), Diane (Bryon Tudor) Turner, Edward R. (Susie) Turner, and Sharon (Hugh) Turner Phipps; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and siblings, David (Donna) Turner and Lois (Police Officer Joseph W.) Arlinghaus.

A visitation will be held for the family from 4 to 5 p.m. and for the friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at [Nurre Funeral Home](#) on Ohio Pike. Fraternal Order of Police services will be held at 7:45 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 28, 2018 at [St. Veronica Church](#) in Mt. Carmel. Burial will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the [Greater Cincinnati Police Museum](#), 308 Reading Road STE 201, Cincinnati, OH 45202 or the [Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati](#), 644 Linn Street STE 1026, Cincinnati, OH 45203.