

Police Officer David R. “Duck” Waddell P337 (1945-2019)

Duck was born April 25, 1945 in Cincinnati to Kernan E. and Doris (Hurst) Waddell. He attended Deer Park High School, graduating in 1963. He also attended University of Cincinnati evening college.

Out of high school, Dave worked with his father for six months at the American Laundry Machinery Company.

Dave enlisted in the United States Navy on June 24, 1964 during the Vietnam War and served on the heavy cruiser, U.S.S. Newport News. *Newport News* participated primarily in NATO exercises in the North Atlantic, gunnery and amphibious exercises off the Eastern seaboard and Caribbean, and midshipman cruises. When the Dominican Republic crisis of 1965 developed, she sortied from Norfolk on April 29th for Santo Domingo, where she was flagship for Commander Joint Task Force 122. She returned to Norfolk and after refitting and overhaul she had a shakedown cruise to Guantanamo, Cuba. Petty Officer 3rd Class Waddell was contingently released in 1966 and given an honorable discharge on July 24, 1968.



Upon his return to Cincinnati, he took a position with Gibson Greeting Cards as an assistant supervisor.



Dave joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on May 4, 1967. He was promoted to Patrolman on August 16, 1967, issued Badge 337, and assigned to District 4 (7017 Vine Street). While assigned to the Major League Baseball All-Star game on July 14, 1970, he became more or less famous for arresting an infamous stripper who tried to kiss Johnny Bench during the game. On February 25, 1973, he was transferred to District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive). A year and a half later, he requested and received a transfer to District 5 (1012 Ludlow) and then again during 1977 to District 4 (by then, 4150 Reading Road). During 1991, Officer Waddell was appointed the District 4 uniformed (misdemeanor) case investigator. During 1992, he investigated more than 1900 cases and solved 71.2% of them. He kept up this workload and clearance rate the rest of his career. Officer Waddell retired May 8, 1993 with 29 years of service to his country and community and 31 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

After retirement, Officer Waddell worked at a golf course for a number of years. Then, about 2004 he began working in corporate security at the Cincinnati Financial Corporation, retiring again about 2009.

Officer Waddell developed diabetes and then heart problems. Then, during September 2018, he was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. He battled the disease aggressively but was forced into hospice care on March 1, 2019. He passed away at Hospice of Cincinnati in Blue Ash, surrounded by family, at 9:55 a.m. on March 2, 2019, nearly 74 years old.

He was predeceased by his brother, William Waddell. Officer Waddell is survived by his wife of almost 38 years, Anna Maria (Sawyers) Waddell; children, Sean (Jennifer) Waddell, Scott Fible, and Stephanie Lyn Olberding; thirteen grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2019 at the [Fairfield Church of Christ](#), 745 Symmes Road, Fairfield. A FOP service will be held at 11:45 a.m. A funeral service will be held at Noon with Pastor Dave Hargrave officiating. . Burial will follow in [Crown Hill Memorial Park](#) with full military honors.

Memorials may be made to the Greater Cincinnati Police Museum, 308 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45202.