

Deputy Sheriff Michael Kenyatta Ware (1969-2018)

Michael was born January 19, 1969 in Hamilton County to Marcus and Mildred K. Ware. He graduated from Walnut Hills High School in 1987 and attended Xavier University.



Michael joined the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office as a Corrections Officer about 1995. After a couple of years, he transferred to the road patrol. After 22 years of service, he had earned the statement made by many; "one of the nicest guys I ever met."

He was also the founder and co-owner of Western Hills Kung-Fu and Tai Chi.

Deputy Ware had back surgery during 2017 and, toward the end of August 2017 was about to return to duty and begin patrolling the Village of Lincoln Heights. However, suffering from severe stomach pain, he went to an emergency room and, soon after, was diagnosed with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer which had already spread to his liver. On December 9, 2017, fellow deputies arranged for a fundraiser for him and another stricken deputy.

Nearly a year after his diagnosis, wracked with pain and infection, he posted a positive note to his family and friends that he was still in the fight. Deputy Ware passed away the next day, on August 24, 2018 at Hocking Valley Community Hospital in Logan, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father; brother, Gary Ware; sister, Marsha Curtain; and brother-in-law, Robert D. Lawson. Deputy Ware is survived by his mother; wife, Kimbery; children, Emanuel, Keygan Michael, Drayden Calvin, and Airiana; special son, Levi; siblings, Eric Ware, Kenneth Ware, Martin D. (Amy) Ware, and Sheila A. Ware; mother-in-law, Margurita Lawson; father-in-law, David Lawson Sr.; brothers-in-law, David Lawson Jr., and Timothy (Andrew) Lawson; and special sister-in-law, Holly (Alex) Arbuiso.

Visitation will be held 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at the [Heinlein-Brown Funeral Home](#), 204 W. Main Street in Logan and 11 a.m. to Noon on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at the [Logan Conference Center](#), 30682 Chieftain Drive in Logan. Funeral services will be held at Noon with Pastor Mike Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in New Straitsville, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to the WareStrong Fund at [GoFundMe.com](#).