

Police Officer Larry L. Whitt P-749 (1943-2017)

Larry was born August 7, 1943 in Mount Carmel, Kentucky to Clayton and Edna (Dingus) Whitt. He attended Robert A. Taft High School and graduated 1961. He then enrolled in the Ohio Mechanics Institute during 1963, participated in the Institute's final commencement ceremony in 1969, and earned a Certificate of Technology in Industrial Management.

After high school, Larry took a job as a clerk at McKinley's Parkview Market in Pendleton. From 1963 to 1970, he worked as an inspector for LeBlond, Incorporated tool works at Madison and Edwards.

Larry joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on September 13, 1970. On January 3, 1971, he was promoted to Patrolman, issued Badge Number 749, and assigned to District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue). Seven years later, Officer Whitt transferred to Central Vice Control Section (222 E. Central Parkway). During



1980, he transferred to District 1 (310 Ezzard Charles Drive). Nine years later, he transferred to District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue) where he annually received Outstanding performance evaluations. In his later years, Officer Whitt handled junk car complaints for District 5 and earned letters of appreciation and awards from the Police Captains Associates and Northside Block Watch Club. An avid bowler, Officer Whitt was on the Cincinnati Police Team that took the Bronze Medal in the 1992 National Police Olympics; in which another Cincinnati Police Team took the Gold. Officer Whitt retired on January 11, 1997 with 27 years of service to his community and 16 letters of appreciation and/or commendation, including three from police chiefs.

He continued his service to the community as a Cincinnati Public Schools Security Officer in Western Hills High School. Officer Whitt was also a member of the Queen City Lodge No. 559 of the Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio.

During 2016, Officer Whitt suffered a significant stroke. He began battling back from that one when he suffered another. For months, he hovered, but by March 21, 2017 he was unresponsive. He passed away at 4 a.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017 at the age of 73.

He was predeceased by his parents and his sisters, Clayetta Rose and Gardella Coffee. Officer Whitt is survived by his children, Curtis (Linda Combs) Whitt, Tina (Mark) Snyder, Sherryl (Chris) Wiesman, Joseph Whitt, and Donna Whitt; grandchildren, Curtis Whitt, Jessica Ritter, Josh Jetter, Jacob Jetter, Aaron Brane, Adam Brane, Britney Snyder, Jaedyn Snyder; 5 great grandchildren; siblings, Carolyn Dean, Wayne Whitt, and Charles Whitt; and companion, Brenda Whitt.

Visitation will be held 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2017 at the Dennis George Funeral Home, 44 S. Miami in Cleves. FOP, Masonic, and funeral services will be held at 7 p.m.