

Sergeant Norman J. “Jerry” Zwick S-26 (1934-2017)

Jerry was born November 9, 1934, in Cincinnati, the 3rd of 4 boys born to Donald and Lorraine (Engleman) Zwick. He attended Western Hills High School from 1949 to 1951. From 1951 to 1952 he worked as a pipe fitter for Engine Maintenance at the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

On April 23, 1952, Jerry enlisted in the United States Air Force. After basic training, he took Aircraft and Engine Mechanics School and shipped to Hawaii where he also underwent Pilot Training. On October 22, 1955, he married RoseMarie Saunders of Covington. Staff Sergeant Zwick was honorably discharged on August 21, 1956 with National Defense and Good Conduct Medals; and joined the Air Force Reserve.

After military service, he returned to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.



At the time, the Cincinnati Police Department went from a 44-hour week to a 40-hour week and needed 64 men to fill the resulting gap in the complement. During August 1956, 111 men took the entrance exam. Only 18 passed the tough exam and Jerry had the 2nd highest score with a 104.83. On September 24, 1956, he joined the Division as a Police Recruit. On January 7, 1957 he was promoted to Patrolman, issued Badge Number 803 and assigned to District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive). One year later, Patrolman Zwick was rotated to District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue). A year later, he was rotated to District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue) and served there for 8 years.

He was promoted to Police Specialist on September 17, 1967, issued Badge Number PS-58, and assigned to District 5. A year later, Specialist Zwick transferred to the Tactical Unit. During January 1969, he attended a 2-day seminar for Fingerprinting and Photography; then in March a 5-day Police Specialist training at Xavier University; and in April a 3-day Community Relations Workshop at Xavier University. Specialist Zwick transferred back to District 5 during July 1970.

He was promoted to Sergeant on May 21, 1972, issued Badge Number S-26, and assigned to District 7 (813 Beecher Street). During May 1973, he attended a 3-day supervisory training seminar at the University of Cincinnati. During November 1974, he attended Hostage Negotiation Training. Sergeant Zwick served in District 3, Communications Section, and Internal Investigation Section. He retired on November 30, 1986, with 32 letters of appreciation and/or commendation; including 6 from Police Chiefs.

Sergeant Zwick immediately returned to the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Technician at the Target Range. During the next 10 years he became a master armorer and firearms trainer. Police Technician Zwick resigned on April 28, 1998 with 43 years of service to his country and community.

Sergeant Zwick's body failed him repeatedly since 1986. And his wife fared no better. By 2017, they were both living in a nursing home. He passed away on December 13, 2017; 1 month after his 83rd birthday.

He is predeceased by his brothers Stanley and Thomas Zwick. Sergeant Zwick is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rose Marie (Saunders) Zwick; children, Debbie Zwick and Cincinnati Police Lieutenant Michael (Amy) Zwick (Retired); 6 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and brother, Donald Zwick.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at Fares J. Radel Funeral Home at 5950 Kellogg Avenue. An FOP was held after visitation.

Memorial donations may be made to the [American Diabetes Association](#).