

# Assistant Safety Director Isaac Edward Mincy (1929-2019)

Ike was born February 12, 1929 in Cincinnati. His mother became fatally ill three months later and he was taken in and adopted by a childless couple, Benjamin and Elcie “Bamma” Mincy, originally of Alabama. His biological father died when he was three years old. He attended, and excelled academically and athletically, at Woodward High School. He went on to the University of Cincinnati.

His first foray into public life was as a singer. During 1949, he entered and won a “Talent Search” which included a \$100 scholarship. He continued to sing as a soloist for the next fifty years and in a choir even longer.

After 3½ years of college, at the beginning of the Korean War, Ike dropped out of college and joined the United States Air Force. During 1953, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and Mrs. Mincy were living at Ladd Air Force Base in Fairbanks Alaska and he was assigned to the 449<sup>th</sup> Fight-Interceptor Squadron. He was a Captain in 1962 in Sioux City. He was honorably discharged in 1970 as a Major in Great Falls Montana. He returned to Cincinnati and completed his bachelor’s degree.



Mr. Mincy joined the City of Cincinnati for a second career on April 11, 1971 as an Assistant Community Relations Advisor in the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission. Four years later, his position was reclassified as an Urban Development Technician and he worked as an assistant to the City Manager. Four city managers later, on November 21, 1990, he was appointed Assistant Director of the Safety Department. He was appointed Director of the Department of Public Utilities on April 1, 1993. He finally retired April 1, 1996 with more that 45 years of service to his country and community.



Mr. Mincy also served as a vice chairman of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, member of the Private Industry Council, board director of the Southwest Ohio Easter Seal Society, president of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen and Cincinnati Chapter of the Rotary Club, and church deacon.

Mr. Mincy died July 16, 2019 at the age of 90.

He was predeceased by his wife of 45 years, Betty J. Mincy (1995). We believe he is survived by Ronald (Katrina) and Kimberly Mincy, and Denise and Natalie (Rev. Roy L., Jr.) Brooks and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 26, 2019 at the [Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church](#) at 9991 N. Wayne Avenue in Woodlawn. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Internment will follow at the [Oak Hill Cemetery](#) at 11200 Princeton Pike.

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