

# Specialist August John “Gus” Feldmann PS-42 (1928-2019)

Gus (to his co-workers) or Augie (to his family) was born January 25, 1928 in Cincinnati; the only son (of four children) born to August A. “Dutch” and Virginia (Carroll) Feldmann of Mt. Auburn. He attended Central Vocational High School.

Just after his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, on April 8, 1946, Gus enlisted in the United States Army. He was assigned to the Signal Corps and served as a radio operator in Japan. He was honorably discharged August 19, 1947.

Still only 19, during December 1947, Gus started working as a driver/salesman for FastFoto, Inc. on Reading Road. After almost eight years and no vision of advancement, he took a position as salesman with Paramount Confection Company in September 1954. Two years later, he was still searching for his life’s work.



Gus joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on September 24, 1956. He was promoted to Patrolman on January 7, 1957, issued Badge 804, and assigned to District 5 (1024 York Street). Patrolman Feldmann was rotated in April 1958 to District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive) and February 1959 to District 4 (7017 Vine Street).

On February 27, 1966, he was among the first group of men promoted to the new rank of Police Specialist, issued Badge PS-24, and assigned to Crime Bureau (City Hall). He served the next 20½ years in the Robbery Squad. During 1976, the Squad had a 100% clearance rate on bank robberies – which was only achieved one other time in 2005. During these years, he also scheduled investigators to work off duty robbery-prevention details inside 5<sup>th</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> banks. On October 7, 1979, during a realignment of Criminal Investigation Section, Specialist Feldmann was named Assistant Robbery Investigations Coordinator; which essentially made him the point person on all bank robberies.

He served as such for another seven years, with superior performance ratings. Specialist Feldmann retired on August 6, 1986 with more than 31 years of service to his country and community and 21 letters of appreciation and/or commendation; including a few from Cincinnati police chiefs, one from a Blue Ash police chief, and one from a Cincinnati city manager.

He then took the job as a Hamilton County Bailiff.

Specialist Feldmann was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 69, Mt. Washington American Legion Post 484, and the VFW Post 6979, S/Sgt George K. Siemer Post.

Specialist Feldmann spent much of his retirement fighting cancers. He had bladder cancer during 2016. Then colon cancer in 2017. During 2018, due to stomach cancer, doctors removed 2/3rds of his stomach. Then, in 2019, they found another, inoperable tumor. He received palliative radiation therapy but turned down chemotherapy. He was pain free for a couple of months and living off all medications. The cancer spread to his liver bile duct, where it was not treatable. He moved to Hospice of Cincinnati in Blue Ash. Specialist Feldman passed away at 11 a.m. on September 7, 2019. At 91, he was the 10<sup>th</sup> oldest living retired Cincinnati Police Division employee.

He is predeceased by his wife of more than 62 years, Jacqueline Mary “Jackie” (Drahman) Feldmann (2013), a son, Raymond Joseph Feldmann (2015), and his siblings. Specialist Feldmann is survived by children, former Cincinnati Public Schools teacher, Amy (Rob) Painter, Mariemont Assistant Police Chief John A. (Mary) Feldmann (Retired) and; daughter in law, Paula Feldmann; grandchildren, Teresa, Rachel, Michelle, Tracy, Lisa, Augie, Harrison, and Johnathan; and several great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at T. P. White and Sons Funeral Home at 2050 Beechmont Avenue. FOP, American Legion, and VFW services will be held at 7:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 13, 2019 at St. Stephen Church at 3804 Eastern Avenue. Burial to follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.