

Police Officer Mary Jill Brewster “MJ” Hugan P-378 (1962-2019)

Mary Jill was born March 22, 1962 to C. Charles Hugan, M.D. and nurse Patricia E. (English) Hugan. She attended Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills, Kentucky graduating in 1980. She then attended Creighton University in Omaha, Vanderbilt University in Nashville, and the University of Cincinnati, majoring in English, Health, and Physical Education.

While attending schools, she worked at Pat Matson’s 1984-1985, Employ Mart, Inc. 1985-1986, Peppino’s Pizza during 1986, and Cincinnati Electrosystems during 1987.



Mary Jill joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on December 13, 1987. Named valedictorian of her class, she was promoted on May 1, 1988 to Police Officer, issued Badge 378, and assigned to District 1 (310 Ezzard Charles Drive). On May 24, 1989 she was rotated to District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue). On June 3, 1990, she transferred to the Traffic Unit. Officer Hugan resigned on March 22, 1992 with 4¼ years of service and four letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Officer Hugan finished her Bachelor of Arts degree at Mt. St. Joseph College and then attended the University of Cincinnati Law School. She was admitted to the Ohio BAR on November 14, 2001 and became a criminal defense attorney. By June 2009, she was elected president of the Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

Officer Hugan died suddenly on November 11, 2019.

A Celebration of Life to be held 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 has been moved to the Washington Platform, 1000 Elm Street.

More information may be found at police-museum.org as it becomes available.