

Police Officer Walter T. Kilgore P509 (1931-2019)

Walt was born on March 19, 1931 in Benham, Kentucky to coal miner Arthur “Art” and Anne “Annie” (Winning) Kilgore. He attended Benham High School, graduating during 1949.

Walt worked in mining for International Harvester from 1950 to 1952.

He joined the United States Army during the Korean War on January 31, 1952. After Basic Training, he took Engineering Training then served overseas in the Infantry for nine months. Private First-Class Kilgore was honorably discharged on January 21, 1954.

He went to work for National Lead of Ohio in Mt. Healthy conducting classified work related to the Fernald Feed Materials Production Center during September 1954 and continued until May 1961.



On May 22, 1961, Walt joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit. He was promoted to Patrolman on August 28, 1961, issued Badge 509, and assigned to District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive). He was rotated to District 4 (7017 Vine Street) in January 1963. During 1964, Officer Kilgore transferred to District 7 (813 Beecher Street) and in May 1971 back to District 1. During March 1981, he was assigned to the Gest Street Impoundment Lot (Gest and Evans). During January 1983 he transferred to the Court Administration Unit. Officer Kilgore retired on July 1, 1990 with 38½ years of service to his country and community and eleven letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Officer Kilgore passed away on December 20, 2019, at the age of 88.

He was predeceased by his siblings, Anna Stone, Elsie Fields, Douglas “Doug” Kilgore, Charolette Walkos, and Hazel Latham. Officer Kilgore is survived by his wife of 68 years, Martha (Douglas) Kilgore; children, Rebecca (David) Armstrong and Cynthia “Cindy” (Rob) Means; grandchildren, Andrew Means, Taylor Means, Carrie Armstrong, Samuel Armstrong, and Quinnzell Armstrong; and sister, Isabelle Bumpers.

Visitation will be held 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, December 23, 2019 at Miami Whitewater United Methodist Church in Harrison. A funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at New Haven Cemetery in Harrison with military honors by the Harrison Honor Detail.

Memorials may be made to Miami Whitewater United Methodist Church or Reach Out Pregnancy.