

Police Officer Robert Kent Knight P463 (1948-2019)

Bob was born November 28, 1948 in San Francisco to Clinton and Lula Belle “Mickey” (Phillips) Knight. His family moved to Ohio and he attended Norwood High School in 1964 and 1965. He returned to school and earned his diploma in 1971.

Bob dropped out of school at 17 to fight in the Vietnam War and joined the United States Navy on December 13, 1965. After a year he was stationed aboard the new *Brooke*-class frigate *U.S.S. Richard L. Page* (DeG5) during her shakedown cruise. We believe he was discharged in 1969 and was recalled in 1973 to Vietnam aboard the *U.S.S. Graffias*, a *Hyades*-class Stores Ship. Quartermaster 3rd Class / E4 Knight was honorably discharged on November 28, 1974 with a National Defense Medal and Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with two clusters.

During 1970 and 1971, Bob worked as an assembler at the Fischer Body plant in Norwood. He then took a job as an electrician helper at Power Electric on Banning Road until 1972. He then assembled mobile homes at Way Farer on Spring Grove for a couple of months; then went into construction with Day and Zimmerman until October 1972.



Bob joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on October 29, 1972. He was promoted to Patrolman on February 25, 1973, issued Badge 463, and assigned to District 6 (3295 Erie Avenue). A year later, he was rotated to District 4 (7017 Vine Street). An avid shooter, during 1977 he was elected as President of the Cincinnati Revolver Club. On July 9, 1978 he transferred to District 1 (310 Ezzard Charles Drive). He resigned to accept other employment on May 6, 1979 with six years of service and five letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Robert was a member of Troy (Illinois) United Methodist Church and the Troy VFW Post 976.

Officer Knight passed away in Mercy Hospital in St. Louis on December 16, 2019 at the age of 71.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy (Erb) Knight. Officer Knight is survived by his children, Ryan Knight, Robert (Casey) Knight, Danyeale (Todd) Morse, James Langley, and Merceded (Matt) Unfried and grandchildren, Fallon Morse, Kydon Morse, Wyatt Knight, Hailey Knight, and Ava Knight.

Visitation and services were held on Friday, December 20, 2019 at Richeson Funeral Home in Troy. Military Honors followed the service and he was interred in Sunset Hills Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Troy VFW Post 976 for the Fisher House at Jefferson Barracks Hospital, St. Louis, MO.