

Police Officer Thaddeus LaDwayne Steele P-245 (1964-2016)

Thad was born August 8, 1964 in Cincinnati to Emmanuel and Eula Mae Steele. He attended Western Hills High School where he played baseball, basketball, and football. During his senior year, he was named to the 2nd String of the All Public High School League Team as a running back. He graduated during June 1983.

For the next year, Thad played professional baseball for the Bradenton Marauders of the Pittsburgh Pirate organization.

Thad enlisted in the United States Army on October 4, 1985 and served as a Material Specialist (E-4). He was honorably discharged October 4, 1988.

After the military, he worked for Hillshire Farms and Kahn's Meats from 1989 to 1992.



Thad joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on June 7, 1992. He was promoted to Police Officer on October 25, 1992 and assigned to District 2 (Erie Avenue). A year later, he was rotated to District 1 (Ezzard Charles Drive). After 8 years, he transferred to District 4 (Reading Road). For the last few years, he gained a reputation as the 3rd Relief Desk Man and for his ever-present smile.

He suffered from several maladies which eventually required the amputation of his leg. Then, he threw a blood clot. With the hospital corridor full of family and friends, Officer Steele died at 9:05 a.m. on November 18, 2016. He was 52 years of age - 27½ of which were spent serving his country and community.

He was predeceased by his father, Emmanuel "Bam" Steele, and siblings, Lula Steele and Maine Steele. Officer Steele is survived by his mother, Eula Mae Steele; wife, Monika Steele; children, Thaddeus Steward-Steele, Jasmine Stewart-Steele, Chad Steele, Brittany Baker, and Jordan Baker; and siblings; Corine Wickrsham, Doris Taylor, Diane Redd, Detra Steele, Juanita Steele, Melvin (Karen) Steele, Jerry (Niecy) Steele.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, November 26, 2016, at the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 2365 Compton Road. An FOP service will be held at 11:45 a.m. A funeral service will immediately follow the visitation beginning at noon. The Rev. Dr. Cecil Ferrell will officiate.

Interment will follow at Spring Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Cincinnati Police Officers Phill Black, Wendell Davidson, Terrance Dobbins, Anthony Hill, Brian Johnson, Randy Phillips, Darrell Rhone, and Marcus Sherman. Honorary Pallbearers will be Kent Farmer, Lil Melvin, Seth Steele, Shannon Murray, Tony Steele, Semaj Steele, Thaddeus Steele, Michael Marshall, and Edwin Marshall.