

# Detective Claude Richard “Rick” Simpson (1950 - 2021)

Rick was born September 20, 1950 in Hamilton, Ohio to Hamilton Police Detective Austin E. and Agnes Anna (Humphrey) Simpson. He attended Garfield High School.

After high school, Rick joined the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.



Rick joined the Hamilton Police Department as a Cadet on September 29, 1971. He was the first Hamilton Cadet promoted to Patrolman in 1972 when his brother, Warren Austin Simpson, also joined the Department as a Cadet. Patrolman Simpson was promoted to Detective September 22, 1983. Detective Simpson retired January 5, 1999 with 27 years of service.

Officer Simpson was also an active member of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 38. He was elected Inner Guard in December 1976. Later, he was elected as one of the Trustees and served into the early 2000s.

Detective Simpson contracted Hepatitis B. He required a liver transplant, which was donated on July 10, 2005, giving him a new lease on life; which lasted fifteen years.

During 2020, he contracted COVID. Detective Simpson died on January 12, 2021 at Mercy Fairfield Hospital. Hamilton Police Chief Craig R. Bucheit ordered a seven-day period of mourning beginning January 14, 2021.

Detective Simpson is survived by his wife of 43 years, Carline (Lierer) Simpson; children, Amanda (Brandon) Feltner and son Bryon (Katie) Simpson. grandchildren, Zach (Glenda) Feltner, Brady Feltner, Ryon Hensley, Lillian Simpson, and Evelyn Simpson; a great-grandson expected in July; siblings, Paula (Ken Tarbox) Heitkemper, Elaine (Paul) Rose, David (Darlene) Simpson, and former Patrolman Warren Simpson; mother-in-law, Betty Lierer, and sister-in-law, Becky (Tony Steele) Marchetti.

Visitation will be held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at the First Baptist Church of Hamilton at 1501 Pyramid Hill Boulevard. An FOP service will be held at 11:45 a.m. Funeral Services will be held at 12:00 p.m. with Dr. Daniel C. Clemens, officiating. Interment will follow at the Butler County Memorial Cemetery. Masks will be required for those attending. If unable to attend, see live streaming at [firstbaptisthamilton.org/RickSimpson](http://firstbaptisthamilton.org/RickSimpson).

Memorials may be made to Donate Life Ohio and/or The Wounded Warrior Project.