

Michael Edward Masters P-407 (1947-2019)

Mike was born October 16, 1947 in Cincinnati to Hobart Edward and Cletha Mae (Roberts) Masters. He attended St. Bernard High School and graduated in 1965.

After high school, he went to work at the Tool Steel Gear and Pinion Company as an Aerospace Inspector.

A year later, Mike joined the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He served at the Lowery (Colorado), Elgin (Florida), and Seymour Johnson (North Carolina) Air Force Bases and, for a year, in Vietnam. During his career, he was once named Airman of the Month, and once Airman of the Quarter. Sergeant Masters was honorably discharged April 2, 1970.

He returned to work at the Tool Steel Gear and Pinion Company.



Mike joined the Cincinnati Police Division on October 29, 1972 as a Police Recruit. He was promoted to Patrolman on February 25, 1973, issued Badge 407, and assigned to District 6 (3295 Erie Avenue). On April 28, 1974 he was rotated to District 4 (7017 Vine Street). During 1980 he was honored at a banquet during National Police Appreciation Week. In 1981, he was one of five officers in the five districts assigned to a 'crimes against the elderly' program. On February 4, 1984, Police Officer Masters resigned to accept other employment; with 11¼ years of service and an astounding 110 letters of appreciation and/or commendation. His immediate supervisor and district commander openly lamented his decision to resign.

He then worked as a machinist for more than twenty years. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Wilmington

Officer Masters passed away on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at his home at the age of 72.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Victoria Riley. Officer Masters is survived by his wife of 53 years, Judy K. (Moses) Masters; daughters, Tracy Michelle (Adrian) Custer, Christin (Steven) McClain, and Erin (Eddie) Applegate; grandchildren, Nathan McClain, Michkayla Applegate, Stephen Applegate, Clayton (Angelica) Applegate, and Jeremiah Applegate; brother, James E. Masters; brother-in-law, Billy Riley; and sister-in-law, Shanda (Jack) Custer.

Visitation was held 10 on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the First Christian Church at 120 Columbus Street in Wilmington. A celebration of life was held with Pastor Tom Stephenson officiating. Military honors were conducted by the American Legion Post 49 Honor Guard of Wilmington.

Memorials were requested for the First Christian Church of Wilmington or the [Wounded Warrior Project](#), P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kan. 66675.