

Lieutenant Wilbur Earl Buck (1927-2022)

Wilbur was born January 17, 1927 in Colerain Township, the fourth son of farmers, William and Helen Marie (Starr) Buck.

After high school, Wilbur drove a truck for Wilson Freight Forwarding Company on Spring Grove Avenue. He joined the United States Army, served during the Korean War, and was honorably discharged.



Wilbur joined the Butler County Sheriff's Office on March 18, 1969 as a Deputy Sheriff. He was promoted to Sergeant before 1971 and thereafter involved in numerous investigations of traffic and criminal deaths as well as other offenses. On November 25, 1976, he was promoted to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Buck retired February 24, 1989. He was then appointed as a Special Deputy and served as such until December 28, 2007 with almost 38 years of service.

Lieutenant Buck was also a member of the Masonic Lodge Hugh L. Bates No. 686 F&AM and of the Cincinnati Shrine.

Lieutenant Buck died at Fort Hamilton Hospital on September 13, 2022 at the age of 95.

He was predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Helen E. (O'Connor) Buck, on Christmas Day 2006; his brothers, Charles Buck, Lewis Buck, and Robert Buck; and brothers-in-law, Albert O'Connor and Harlan O'Connor.

A graveside service was held September 16, 2022 at the Venice Cemetery in Ross, Ohio.

Unfortunately, the Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society was unaware of his death until the end 2022.