

Police Officer Olivia Joan Zick P-461 (1992-2023)

Olivia was born December 21, 1992 in Kingsley, Pennsylvania to James William and Carol (Manning) Zick. Rarely has anyone shown so much promise. Throughout her years at Mountain View Elementary and High Schools, she was consistently on the Honor Roll. At 12 years old she was elected Vice President of the Sizzlin' Steaks 4-H Club. She starred in Track and Field from the 8th through 12th grades, often medaling in javelin, shotput, and discus, and sometimes sweeping all three events in a single meet. Since her sophomore year, she was the starting and stand-out goalie on the soccer team and led them to successive league championships. Also as a sophomore, she was elected Vice President of the school's Future Business Leaders of America. By then she was also playing on the basketball team and involved in Envirothon. The next year, she was also played volleyball and was elected President of the Future Business Leaders of America; and placed third in public speaking at the Regional Leadership Conference.

Olivia graduated in 2011. Her local newspaper highlighted her in an article mentioning all of the above and adding that she worked on her family's farm and was working toward becoming an emergency medical technician.

Olivia moved to Cincinnati and attended Xavier University, where she received a dean's award scholarship. In 2015, she earned a bachelor's degree, majoring in Strategic Human Resource Management and Business Management.

From February 2015 to December 2019, she worked as a Human Resource Generalist at Staffmark, Cross Country Healthcare, and Waifare.

At 22, she saw a news story regarding a single mother of four in desperate need of a kidney and asked herself, "Why wouldn't I try?" She could not help the mother, but Christ Hospital found a match for someone in California. So, on her 24th birthday, she was in California giving someone else a gift – of life.



Olivia joined the Cincinnati Police Department as a Police Recruit on December 1, 2019. On June 14, 2020, she was promoted to Police Officer, issued Badge 461, and assigned to District 5. She was shortly thereafter, interviewed on Fox and Friends to describe her interest in law enforcement in that tumultuous year. On October 3, 2021, she transferred to District 1. One of her shift commanders said, "Officer Zick's enthusiasm and work ethic are exceptional." She quickly built a reputation for hard work and being there when others were going through hard times. She touched the lives of many within the police department and at the Hamilton County Courthouse. By 2023, she had six letters of appreciation and/or commendation, including one each from the Police Chief and an Assistant Police Chief.

Officer Zick died suddenly at East Fork State Park on February 11, 2023 at the age of 30.

She was predeceased by her father, James William Zick. Officer Zick is survived by her mother, Carol (Manning) Zick; siblings, Brandon (Erin) Zick, Bristol (Diana) Zick, Jeffrey (Ellen) Zick, Bridget (Benjamin) Sherring, and Christina (Bogdan) Dumitrov; and nieces and nephews, Teddy Zick, Will Zick, Addison Zick, Calvin Zick, Elliot Zick, Wyatt Zick, Murphee Zick, and Jax Sherring.

A private service will be held at E.C. Nurre Funeral Home at 177 West Main Street in Amelia on Thursday, February 16, 2023. After the service, Cincinnati Police Motorcycles will escort Officer Zick's remains to the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Airport. Those interested may, **NOT BEFORE 11:45 A.M.**, gather outside the funeral home to line up on either side of the path of departure.

Visitation will be held 12 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 19, 2023 and 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, February 20, 2023 at Shifler-Parise Funeral Home in Clifford, Pennsylvania. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Kingsley. Attendees are requested to wear black and blue in honor of her law enforcement service.

The funeral will be live streamed from the funeral home's web site, www.parisfuneralhome.com.

A celebration of life will be held in Cincinnati in June. More details will be available closer to the date.

Memorials may be made to [Officer Olivia Zick Memorial Fund](#) in care of the Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains, Montrose, PA. This fund will support mental health initiatives for first responders.