

Police Officer Phliete Richard “Rick” Neumann P-78 (1948-2023)

Rick was born December 11, 1948 at Fort Knox to United States Air Force Technical Sergeant William H. and Lila L. (Goodman) Neumann. He attended Westport High School (Louisville) where he participated in football as an offensive and defensive end and kicker and was voted to the All-County team in his Junior and Senior years. After graduating in 1967, he attended the University of Cincinnati on a full football scholarship to play linebacker and joined the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Rick earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in June 1971, majoring in Managerial Economics and minoring in accounting. He continued his education at Xavier University, obtaining a master’s degree in business.

While attending schools, Rick worked at Ford Motor Company in Louisville during the summers from 1967 to 1970, as a counselor for the President’s Council on Physical Fitness at the University of Cincinnati, and as an auditor and clerk at the Hospitality Motor Inn in Cincinnati and then the Netherland Hilton Hotel.



Rick joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on July 30, 1972. He was promoted to Police Officer on December 17, 1972, issued Badge 78, and assigned to District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive). Officer Neumann joined the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team at or near the time of its inception and served until February 1977. After earning his master’s degree, during June 1976, he was transferred to Program Management Bureau. He returned to District 1 during November 1976. Officer Neumann resigned on May 10, 1978 with almost six years of service and seven letters of appreciation and/or commendation in order to pursue a position necessary to attain Certified Public Accountant recognition.

He took a position at the Cincinnati Electronics Corporation as a Financial Analyst.



He switched professions again, garnered a pilot’s license and joined Comair as a Pilot for their SAAB and CRJ aircraft and as a manager of flight standards. He then joined the Federal Aeronautics Administration as a Federal Aviation Inspector. He was a member of the Airman’s Club and the Flying Knights.

Officer Neumann died peacefully at his residence in Fort Mitchell on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at the age of 74.

Rick was predeceased by a brother, William H. Neumann, Jr. He is survived by his wife Nancy Neumann; siblings, Stevan (Belinda) Neumann and Nancy Allen; stepsons, Gavin (Kristen) Ellis and Nolan (Alicia) Ellis; and step-grandchildren Jackson, Ryan, Kate, Brady, and Avery Ellis and Owen Campbell.

A memorial visitation will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at Linnemann Family Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Erlanger.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Bluegrass Care Navigators, 51 Cavalier Blvd., Florence, KY 41042.