

Lieutenant Harold Lee Jones, Sr. Badge 397 (1942-2023)

Harold was born October 31, 1942 in Jacksonville, Florida. He attended Heberle School, Bloom Junior High School, and Taft High School, graduating in 1959.

After high school, he worked as a supply clerk for Shillito's.

On August 6, 1962, he was drafted into the United States Army and served as a radio operator and cook. Specialist 4 Jones was honorably discharged on August 5, 1964.

Upon returning home, he went back to Shillito's. Within a year, Harold was working for the City of Cincinnati Waste Collection Division.



On December 7, 1967, he took a position as Guard at the Cincinnati Workhouse. He was quickly promoted up through the ranks to Corrections Lieutenant. He often served as spokesman for the facility and guide for visiting or inspecting dignitaries. During August 1981, the newly designated Cincinnati Corrections Institute was taken over by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and he was reclassified to the equal rank of Supervisor 2; later redesignated Lieutenant. Every performance evaluation speaks of his dedication to duty, outstanding judgment, performance under pressure, and interpersonal relationships. He was also an outstanding investigator. On July 27, 2006, when physical issues, resulting from diabetes and two heart attacks, prevented his continued in uniform, Lieutenant Jones accepted a position as Clerk II in the Property Room, where his attitude and experience were remarked upon often. After 45 years of service to the country, the city, and the county, and numerous commendations, Lieutenant Jones retired on March 27, 2008.

Lieutenant Jones died on July 21, 2023 at the age of 80.

Visitation will be held 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at Mother of Christ Catholic Church at 5301 Winneste Avenue. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., followed by interment at Spring Grove Cemetery.