## **Detective Ritchy Meneses Tuazon II (1968-2023)**

Ritchy was born about July 26, 1968 in Chicago to Philippine immigrants, Ritchy L. and Mila Tuzon. He graduated from Prosser Vocational High School where he excelled in Computer Applications and was a member of the wrestling team. He then attended Northeastern Illinois University and graduated in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Accounting.

After college, Ritchy moved to the Greater Cincinnati area. On June 1, 1995, after already accumulating extensive experience in the healthcare system, he joined Hospice of Miami Valley as Vice President of Finance.



Ritchy joined the Springdale Police Department on July 11, 2005. After being sworn in as a Police Officer he attended Great Oaks Police Academy where he was appointed class president and obtained his state certification. Officer Tuazon joined the Springdale Honor Guard in 2008, their Bike Unit in April 2011, and the Hamilton County Police Association Honor Guard in 2016. He participated many times in the Police Unity Tours in Washington DC, annually honoring the nation's fallen officers. On January 31, 2021, he was promoted to Detective. Detective Tuazon received specialized training, including CVSA Certification, REID Certification, Tactical Defense Institute training, Less Lethal Weapons Training, Unarmed Self-Defense and Apprehension, Advanced F.A.S.T, Officer Survival, and Computer Web Design. By July 2005, he had served Springdale 18 years.

During 2010, he opened Ritchy Tuazon Photography and continued to operate it for the next thirteen years.

Detective Tuazon was vacationing with his wife out of town when, on July 25, 2023, he suffered a fatal medical event.

He was predeceased by his father, Ritchy L. Tuazon, and brother, Nivard M. Tuazon. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Jane E. (Gumila) Tuazon; daughters, Jasmine Tuazon and Taylor Tuazon; and mother, Mila Tuazon.

Visitation will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at Hodapp Funeral Home, 6410 Cincinnati Dayton Road in Liberty Township.