

Corrections Sergeant Elmer Louis “Lou” Walters, Sr. (1940-2021)

Lou was born on November 20, 1940 in Lexington, Kentucky to Elmor and Marjorie (Ramey) Walters. He attended Batavia Public Schools for nine years.

In May 1956, at the age of 15, he joined the Ohio National Guard, Company B, 147th Infantry. Corporal Walters was honorably discharged on February 16, 1959. He then joined the United States Navy in June 1959. He earned a high school diploma in Millington, Tennessee in June 1970. On April 17, 1972, he was promoted to Aviation Mechanics Mate (Jet) 1. Petty Officer First Class Walters was honorably discharged at San Diego, California on October 2, 1974.

On February 19, 1976, Lou joined the Williamsburg Police Department as a Police Officer. He graduated from the Norwood Police Academy in June 1976. Officer Walters resigned on September 27 1977.

In April 1980, Lou joined the United States Army Reserves in the 377th Military Police Company.



Lou joined the Hamilton Sheriff's Office on August 15, 1981 as a Corrections Officer 2 at the Hamilton County Jail. He was promoted to Jailer on November 12, 1982. He was promoted again, to Corrections Supervisor 1, later Corrections Sergeant, on March 8, 1984. Sergeant Walters resigned on March 27, 1998 with more than 16 years of service and several letters of commendation.

We believe he was discharged from the Army Reserves about 2002 with 30 years of military service.

Sergeant Walters died at Fort Hamilton Hospital on January 28, 2021 at the age of 80.

He was predeceased by his parents and siblings. Sergeant Walters was survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Nickee Walters; sons, John F. Walters, Christopher D. (Carole) Walters, Elmer Louis Walters Jr., and Ronald Lee Walters; and grandchildren, Amber (Nathaniel) Damron, Troy Walters, Zach (Felicia) Walters, and Aleya Walters.

The Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society was notified of his death in September 2025.