

Police Officer David Wayne Schultz (1951-2026)

Dave was born March 12, 1951 to George E. and Aloise “Pat” Schultz. He graduated from Dixie Heights High School in 1970. Before graduating, Dave joined the Kentucky County Police Department as an Apprentice Dispatcher where his half-brother, Dennis McClure, was Police Officer. Dave attended law enforcement courses at Eastern Kentucky University from 1970 to 1971.

On Jun 1, 1971, he enlisted in the United States Army Reserves.

Dave was appointed as a Kenton County Patrolman before January 30, 1973. Also in 1973, he attended a law enforcement course at the University of Louisville. On April 26, 1975, two 12-year-old boys, one of which could not swim, were stranded 40 feet from shore of the Licking River clinging to an overhanging tree. Patrolman Schultz commandeered a rowboat, rowed out to them, and successfully brought them aboard. On September 5, 1975, he borrowed a horse to search for a rape suspect who fled from Cincinnati Police pursuers into a wooded area at Camp Marydale. In his more than eight years in the Department, he also attended Kodak Photographic School, Drug Enforcement Administration School, the 123rd Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, and the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.



Officer Schultz joined the Cincinnati Police Division on July 5, 1981 in the Division’s 66th Recruit Class. On December 6, 1981, he was promoted again to the rank of Police Officer, issued Badge 441, and assigned to District 5 (1012 Ludlow Avenue). On February 20, 1983, Officer Schultz was rotated to District 4 (4150 Reading Road). In January 1984, he was back at Camp Marydale with other Cincinnati officers and 75 inner-city youths as part of a Police and Youth Live-in Program sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Due to fiscal mismanagement at City Hall, Officer Schultz and others were laid off for five months from May to September 1984. When he was recalled, he was reassigned to District 4. On February 3, 1985, Officer Schultz was transferred to District 1 (310 Ezzard Charles Drive). On July 4, 1985, after a short high-speed pursuit, he overpowered the drunken driver, a Cincinnati Bengal known as “The Enforcer,” straining his knee in the scuffle. The suspect was so violently resisting he could not be immediately fingerprinted.

After two decades of service on both sides of the Ohio River, Officer Schultz began struggling with medical issues. On July 14, 1996, he accepted a voluntary demotion to Emergency 911 Operator at Police Communications Section. Three months later, he transferred to the District 3 Investigative Unit as a Police Technician and was issued Badge PT-62. One year later, Police Tech Schultz transferred to the Impound Lot. On December 31, 2000, his medical issues required his medical separation after 28 years of service to two communities in two states and 27 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Officer Schultz’s medical issues continued for the next 25 years until he was admitted to Florence Park Care and Rehabilitation Center, Florence, Kentucky and died on January 26, 2026 at the age of 74.

He was predeceased by his half-brother, Thomas McClure. Officer Schultz is survived by his wife, Teena (Wilson) Schultz; children, Tessa (James) Eldred, Bradley (Laura) Schultz, and Jamie B. (Kellie) Robinson; half-brother, former Kenton County Assistant Chief Dennis (Lida) McClure; and five grandchildren, Joben Robinson, Aden Jones, Addison Jones, Adam Jones, and Jonathan Schultz.

Visitation is from 12 to 1 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2026, at the [Middendorf-Bullock Funeral Home](#) at 1833 Petersburg Road in Hebron. Funeral services to follow at 1 p.m. Interment to follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Erlanger.