Sergeant Richard Charles “Dick” Vogel (1940-2026)

Dick was born January 13, 1940 in Cincinnati, the youngest of four sons born to Joseph and Dolores (Luebbering) Vogel of Hatmaker Street. When he was born, is Great Uncle William Vogel and already been a Cincinnati Patrolman for almost 40 years. Dick attended Elder High School where he graduated in June 1958. While attending high, and for years after, Dick excelled in baseball, hockey, softball, and golf. He was a member of the 1957 Bentley Post National Championship baseball team, continued playing baseball well after high school, and played hockey for the Junior Mohawks.

Also, while Dick was in high school, his older brother, William Vogel, joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Cadet in 1955 and was appointed Patrolman in 1957 and his great uncle retired the same day with 47 years of service.

From August 1958 to November 1959, Dick worked at Crane and Breed Casket Company and the United States Postal Service.

Dick joined the Cincinnati Police Division on May 22, 1961 its 39th Recruit Class. He was promoted to Patrolman on August 28, 1961, issued Badge 845, and assigned to District 1 (310 Lincoln Park Drive).

On May 4, 1962, Dick joined a military reserve unit and served in active duty until November 2, 1962.



On January 1, 1963, he was rotated to District 4 (7017 Vine Street). Ten years later, he transferred to Police Communications Section (also at 310 Lincoln Park Drive). On March 3, 1973, he returned to District 1. Also, by 1973, he was playing for the championship Fraternal Order of Police softball team. His brother William was promoted to Police Specialist in 1970. After finishing 5th on the promotional examination for the position, on July 13, 1975, Dick was promoted to Specialist, issued Badge PS-221, and assigned to the District 1 Investigative Unit. William was promoted to Sergeant in 1971. On November 3, 1981 Dick was promoted to Sergeant, issued Badge S-69, and assigned to District 3 (3201 Warsaw Avenue). Sergeant Vogel also served in District 1, Operations Bureau, and the Private Police Unit. His son, Richard “Rick” Vogel, also joined the Police Division as a Police Recruit in 1990. Like his father and uncle, he also was promoted to Police Specialist. Sergeant Vogel retired on July 8, 1995 with 34 years of service and 35 letters of appreciation and/or commendation, including eight from the Chief’s Office and two from the Hamilton County Sheriff. His brother, Sergeant Wiliam Vogel, retired in 1997 and his son, Specialist Rick Vogel, retired in 2020.

Sergeant Vogel and his wife, Bonnie, were avid golfers, and Dick went on to manage Hidden Valley Golf Course in Lawrenceburg for five years.

Battling Parkinsons, Sergeant Vogel was filling with fluid and was turned down for a pacemaker operation. He returned to the Western Hills Rehabilitation Center, and then into hospice care. Sergeant Vogel died at 6 p.m. on November 10, 2026. at the age of 86.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Joseph Vogel and Robert 'Red' Vogel. Sergeant Vogel is survived by his wife of 64 years, Bonnie (Damico) Vogel; children, retired Police Specialist Richard “Rick” (Laura) Vogel, and Holly (Dave) Gibbs; grandfather of Jennifer (Zach) Holbrock, Ricky Vogel, Justin Foster, Nicholas Gibbs, Jesse Shepherd, and Julia (fiancé Eric) Gibbs; great grandchildren, Ben and Sophie; and retired Police Sergeant William “Bill” Vogel.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 .a.m. at St. Antoninus Catholic Church at 1500 Linneman Road. An FOP service will be held at 10:45 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Always Lifting Spirits the Jeff Weber Foundation or to Elder High School.

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