

Detective Sergeant Dennis Michael Lantry (1943-2023)



Dennis was born November 23, 1943, in Cincinnati, the second of four children born to Robert and Beatrice (Pfiester) Lantry of Greenhills. He attended Western Hills High School, participated in the National Thespian Society, Dramatic Clubs, Junior Council on World Affairs, and Triginta Optimi, and graduated in 1962. He then attended the University of Cincinnati and was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Dennis joined the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office as a Corrections Officer. By 1973, he was assigned to the Patrol Division. By September 1976, he was promoted to Detective and assigned as the Sycamore

Township juvenile officer. During Police Memorial Week 1977 at the annual Police Appreciation and Awards Dinner, Detective Lantry received the "Working with Children" Award. He was one of the main speakers at a Community Policing workshop at the Kemper Road Center for Religious Development on May 7, 1977. He was promoted to Sergeant during May 1979. During his career, he was promoted up the chain to his final assignment as a Detective Sergeant. Sergeant Lantry retired after 30 years of service to his county.

Sergeant Lantry's health declined after the death of his wife in 2018. He was admitted to hospice care in November 2023. He died at home at the Colonial Gardens Assisted Living in Florence on November 25, 2023, two days after celebrating his 80th birthday with his daughters and their families.

He was predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Susan Kay (Merwin) Lantry (2018), and siblings, Robert Lantry, Jr. (1968) and Lois. Sergeant Lantry is survived by his children, Larua Lynn Lantry-Miles and Anna Marie (Michael) Jerabek; sister, Martha Lynn Chance and her family; and grandchildren, Raelin (Nathan) Gary, Leah Jerabek, Jack Jerabek, and Alysha Miles.

A private funeral service will be held, followed by a public burial service, with law enforcement honors, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at Spring Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to *The Shield*.

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