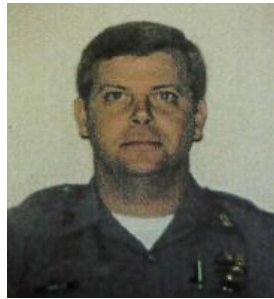




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January 4, 2023

Retired Sergeant Michael J. Thaelke, who retired from the department September 7, 2001, passed away January 2, 2023.

Retired Sergeant Thaelke was born February 14, 1947 and was 75 years of age at the time of his death. Retired Sergeant Thaelke was appointed to the department on September 7, 1971. His assignments included North Patrol Division, East Patrol Division, Long Range Planning Unit, Planning Unit, East Crimes Against Property, Central Patrol Division, Records, Homicide, Central Property Crimes, Criminal Intelligence Division Office, Career Criminal, South Property Crimes Section, Robbery Unit, South Patrol Division and Private Alarm Section where he was assigned at the time of his retirement.

Retired Sergeant Thaelke was reappointed to the department on September 17, 2001, as a Civilian. He was assigned to the Private Alarm Section as an Alarm Administrator, and then a Supervisor until he resigned February 17, 2007.

Retired Sergeant Thaelke is survived by his wife Kathy Thaelke; godson Ryan Miles; stepsons Tom (Mona) Hinson and David Hinson; stepdaughter Kim (Dan) Baker; sisters Sue (Richard) Koehler, Nancy (Bob) Reinagel and Rita (Paul) Saunders; sisters-in-law Michaela Witcher, Bridget (Dustin) Peck and Mary (Troy) Smith; brothers-in-law Bob (Susan) Witcher, Retired Major Dan (Brenna) Witcher and Pat (Jan) Witcher.

Visitation will be held Friday, January 6, 2023, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM at the McGilley Funeral Home, 12301 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO 64145. Services to immediately follow at 2:30 PM. Private burial to take place at a later time.