



John P. Kalaman

was a five-year veteran of the Centerville Police Department when he lost his life on the morning of January 12, 1998.

About 6:00 am

John responded to an accident on I-675 near Wilmington Pike. After the crash victim had been placed in the rescue vehicle, John, along with Washington Township firefighters Bob O'Toole and Chuck Arnold, returned to the damaged vehicle. Another car traveling west lost control, crossed the median and struck the three men. Officer Kalaman died instantly, and Firefighter Bob O'Toole died shortly afterward in a hospital emergency room. Firefighter Arnold survived the crash but with considerable injury.

John, his parents and younger brother Bob lived in Kettering where he graduated from Fairmont HS in 1986. He played baseball with the KABC while in elementary school and junior high school. John graduated from the University of Cincinnati in June 1991 with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Russian language/Studies.

He had hoped one day to go into the foreign service, or work with the FBI. During off hours John loved to ski, sail, dance, ride his Harley Davidson motorcycle, and play softball and racquetball.

The Centerville Noon Optimist Club named their Respect for Law Award in John's memory and to honor those in our community who unselfishly give of themselves in service to others.



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To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



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JOHN P. KALAMAN
**RESPECT
FOR LAW AWARD**



Josh Ratliff
Sergeant

Sergeant Josh Ratliff began his career with the Centerville Police Department on December 15, 2008 as a police cadet. After serving in a variety of roles with the department, Josh is currently assigned as the detective sergeant overseeing the criminal investigations section.

Recently Sergeant Ratliff assisted with

the implementation of new body-worn and cruiser cameras by working closely with the vendor to ensure the system was operating properly and effectively for the officers. In his first week of being assigned as the detective sergeant, Josh served as an investigator for an officer-involved shooting in a neighboring jurisdiction. He conducted numerous interviews and compiled countless pieces of evidence which provided a clear picture of what occurred during the incident. While responding to a burglary at a residence in which the homeowner shot and killed the suspect, Sergeant Ratliff was one of the first to arrive. He quickly established control of the scene to make sure it was safe and even carried two small children outside, taking time to cover their eyes from the difficult images.

The mission of the Centerville Police Department is to provide exceptional police service and Sergeant Ratliff contributes to that mission every day. He is a valuable member of the department, and we are fortunate to have him on our Centerville team.



Bill Jones
Deputy

Deputy Bill Jones has spent his life in the service of others. Before coming to the Sheriff's Office, he served with honor as a military police officer in the United States Marine Corp. Following this service, Deputy Jones transitioned to civilian law enforcement where he has served with

integrity to amass an impressive record over his two plus decades of service.

Throughout his distinguished career, Deputy Jones has worked in a variety of roles including patrol officer, detective, and supervisor. After graduating from The Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Safety Leadership Academy, Deputy Jones joined the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in August 2022 and is currently serving in Washington Township's community-oriented policing position.

Over the last year alone, Deputy Jones has planned and attended over 60 community engagement events including the first ever National Night Out event in Washington Township. This past March when he discovered teachers were purchasing pretzels out of pocket and individually packaging them daily to pass out to children who may not have the means to purchase snacks for their school day, Deputy Jones partnered with local businesses to fill an RTA bus with pretzels and deliver them to schools in Washington Township and Centerville.

JOHN P. KALAMAN RESPECT FOR LAW AWARD

Recipients

- 1998 – John P. Kalaman & Danielle L. Salyer
- 1999 – Thomas Heck & Jerry L Hansen
- 2000 – Jeffrey Williams & Don McCuiston
- 2001 – Steven O. Maynard & Timothy Powell
- 2002 – Daryl Wagner & Todd S. Fazzari
- 2003 – Chad A. Eckenrode & Steven G. Egleston
- 2004 – Scott E. Thomas & Bob Werling
- 2005 – Faupo Lauofo & Ron Thomas
- 2006 – Mary Casey & Tony Ball
- 2007 – Ed Skinner & Gary Fulwiler
- 2008 – Michael Yoder & Tonya Baker
- 2009 – James A. Shanesy & Wade Fields
- 2010 – Aaron Nicley & Matt Wright
- 2011 – Adam T. Bennett & Jeffrey Gray
- 2012 – Judy Kuhns & Rick Ward
- 2013 – Scott Owsley & Dee Osterfeld
- 2014 – Nadia Dexter & Brian Burke
- 2015 – Jared Rhoten & Brad Fizer
- 2016 – Christine Smart & Jeffrey Gray
- 2017 – James W. Stephenson & Gary Ridgeway
- 2018 – Faupo Lauofo & Linda Shutts
- 2019 – Tracy A. Sommers & Jeff Papanek
- 2020 – Amanda Holland & Shane Carter
- 2021 – Jeff Kaercher & Jon Petry
- 2022 – Julie Gerspacher & Scott Morgan
- 2023 – Ryan Turner & Kathy DeBos
- 2024 – Josh Ratliff & Bill Jones

* The first name listed is the Centerville Police Department Honoree. The second name is the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department Honoree.



Terry Blair was a dedicated public servant and a committed member of the Centerville Noon Optimist Club. He was passionate about recognizing public servants and in 1998, became a driving force in naming our Respect for Law annual award in the memory of **John P. Kalaman**.

Centerville Noon Optimist Club

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Every Tuesday, 12 Noon, at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace.
Also *Evenings, Third Thursday of each month.

*Location Varies

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