

MAJOR MARVIN GRIGSBY STRODE

1935 – 2016



Major Marvin Grigsby Strode Savannah Georgia Police Department (Retired)

From Mildred White, 91st AOC: Captain Strode was my Captain when I attended SPI, 91st AOC and was instrumental in me receiving a scholarship from the South Carolina SPIAA of which he was a member and later so was I. SCSPPIAA was the closest state chapter we could join. Georgia organized a chapter many years later. Captain Strode was my first Captain when I was hired as the first female police officer in 1973 and one of the best supervisors with Savannah Police. Millie White, 91st AOC, Durango, CO

From Ronald W. Cook, Sr., 45th AOC, Past President SPIAA: Marvin was a dedicated alumni of Uof L, The Southern Police Institute and the SPIAA. He faithfully attended the conferences for over 50 years, and was directly involved in hosting three conferences in South Carolina. He and his family were well known by the SPI staff and SPIAA attendees. Ronald "Ron" W. Cook Sr., Lt. South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), Retired, 45th AOC, Past President SPIAA

Major Marvin Grigsby Strode, Savannah Police Department, Retired, 81, of Savannah, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2016 at Memorial Medical Health University surrounded by his family. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and was a veteran, having served in the US Air Force and a graduate of the Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville. Major Strode retired after 32 years, with the Savannah Police Department, where he served in many command rolls and retired as a Major. He worked for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Police Department for 7 years, and, after retirement from the police department, was Head Security Officer with the Chatham County Court House for 7 years.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He was a member of Ardsley Park Baptist Church for 62 years, where he was a Deacon Emeritus and an active member in the Vota Vita Coursey Sunday School Class.

He is survived by his wife, Erline Shearouse Strode of Savannah, Georgia, 3 sons, Sammy Strode, Greg Strode (Twila Taylor Strode), and Randy Strode, a daughter, Suzanne Strode Schuman (Drew Brunson Schuman), a brother, Fred Owen Strode, 8 grandchildren (5 girls and 3 boys), 1 great grandchild, and a number of nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Elbert and Buena Strode, and four brothers.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday at the Baker McCullough Funeral Home, Hubert C. Baker Chapel. Funeral Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ardsley Park Baptist Church, with Rev. Buddy Clay, and Rev. John Tillman. Major Strode will be taken to the church to lie in state at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, with Police Honors, by the Savannah Police Department. Pallbearers will be: Grandsons, and Honorary Pallbearers, will be the Board of Deacons of Ardsley Park Baptist Church, members of the Savannah Police Department, and Members of the Court House Security Officers. Remembrances: Ardsley Park Baptist Church.

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