

## **Mark Scanlan**

Merritt Island, FL

Mark Scanlan, 63, passed away Tuesday, January 16, 2007.

He was a Southwest Miami High graduate of the class of 1962 and was a decorated Air Force Vietnam War veteran. Mark served as an officer for the City of Miami and City of Coral Gables Police Departments until his retirement in 1987. He had a rewarding career as a street cop. He served as a patrol officer, accident investigator, motorcycle officer and a canine officer. He is remembered by his peers as a cop's cop.

He received many awards for his efforts as a crime fighter, including the coveted "Robert Dekorte Memorial Outstanding Police Officer of the Year Award." Awarded twice in years 1983 and 1984 along with being nominated and chosen for the outstanding Coral Gables American Legion Police Officer of the Year in 1986 and received a recognition award from the Miami Crime Commission for his efforts as a "Crime Stopper".

He was past President of both the Coral Gables Police Benevolent Association and the Coral Gables Fraternal Order of Police. While Union President, Mark was identified as a strong, in your face, hard nose negotiator. He is credited for initiating many of the benefits now enjoyed by Coral Gables Police Officers.

Mark retired to Merritt Island, FL in 2000.