

In Memoriam



August 3, 1966 -
March 30, 2000

Officer Hobart James Henson began his career with the Orlando Police Department in January of 1990. He was first assigned to the Central Patrol Unit, followed by the Neighborhood Patrol Unit, Downtown Bike Unit, and finally the Uniform Drug Unit where he served as the acting sergeant. "Hobie", as he was affectionately called, built a reputation for being a very fair and effective officer, treating everyone with respect and dignity. Officer Henson joined the SWAT team which became a very special point in his life. The members of the SWAT Team became his family. Hobie died on March 30, 2000 from non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Dawn Parker came to work for the Orlando Police Department in 1981 and spent most of her seventeen-year tenure as the staff assistant for the Patrol Division. At 74, Dawn could still be counted on to be at work each morning with a cheerful smile. Dawn was a shining example of the civilians who contribute to the success of the Orlando Police Department.



November 7, 1924 -
October 31, 1998



October 14, 1949 -
June 16, 2002

Vernita C. Jackson returned to the Orlando Police Department in 1998 after moving away to New York. She became the Staff Assistant for Recruiting. Vernita always made sure that the birthdays or special events in the lives of personnel in Recruiting as well as other areas within the Department were recognized and celebrated. She would always give of her time and treasure to improve the plight of others. Staunchly devoted to her family and her church, Vernita was always willing and ready to talk to you about her family and her faith. Vernita had a genuine love for people and will be missed by many. Vernita lost her battle with cancer and passed away on Sunday, June 16, 2002.

