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Capt. named to replace resigning police chief Corrin McGrath. Blade, May 19, 1978.

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Police chief to retire by July 1. Blade, Feb. 20, 1980.

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# Miscannon Fund Committee Is Appointed

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A five-member committee has been appointed by Mayor Ensign to administer the fund established for the family of slain Patrolman William A. Miscannon.

Charles McKelvy, Jr., president of First National Bank, was named chairman of the group. Other members are R. Martin Galvin, attorney, Patrolman Frank Calipetro, of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association; Sgt. Henry Reuss, of the Fraternal Order of Police, and Lt. Walter Scoble, of the Command Officers Association.

The mayor set up the Officer Miscannon Fund last Friday after the patrolman was fatally shot while on duty. Contributions had reached \$2,000 Tuesday.



# Captain Scoble Is Named Toledo's Police Chief, Replaces McGrath June 1

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## Veteran Of 29 Years Called Proven Leader

Capt. Walter Scoble today was named Toledo's police chief effective June 1 by City Manager Walter Kane.

Captain Scoble, a member of the police division 29 years and now the commander of the Scott Park district station, was selected from a field of 13 applicants to replace Chief Corrin McGrath. Chief McGrath is resigning to seek other employment.

Mr. Kane praised the chief-designate as a proven leader who is proud of his job, and who has maintained good relations with his men.

Although some senior officers were passed over in the selection of Captain Scoble, the city manager said that should not be construed as an adverse reflection on them.

**'Knows What Needs To Be Done'**  
"He has different qualities than they do," Mr. Kane said. "He has had an enormous amount of experience in the Toledo police division. He knows what its problems are and what needs to be done."

Captain Scoble, 52, has headed the Scott Park station since it opened in 1976.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., he served in the navy during World War II and joined the police division as a patrolman in 1948. He was promoted to sergeant in 1959, to lieutenant in 1967, and to captain in 1971.

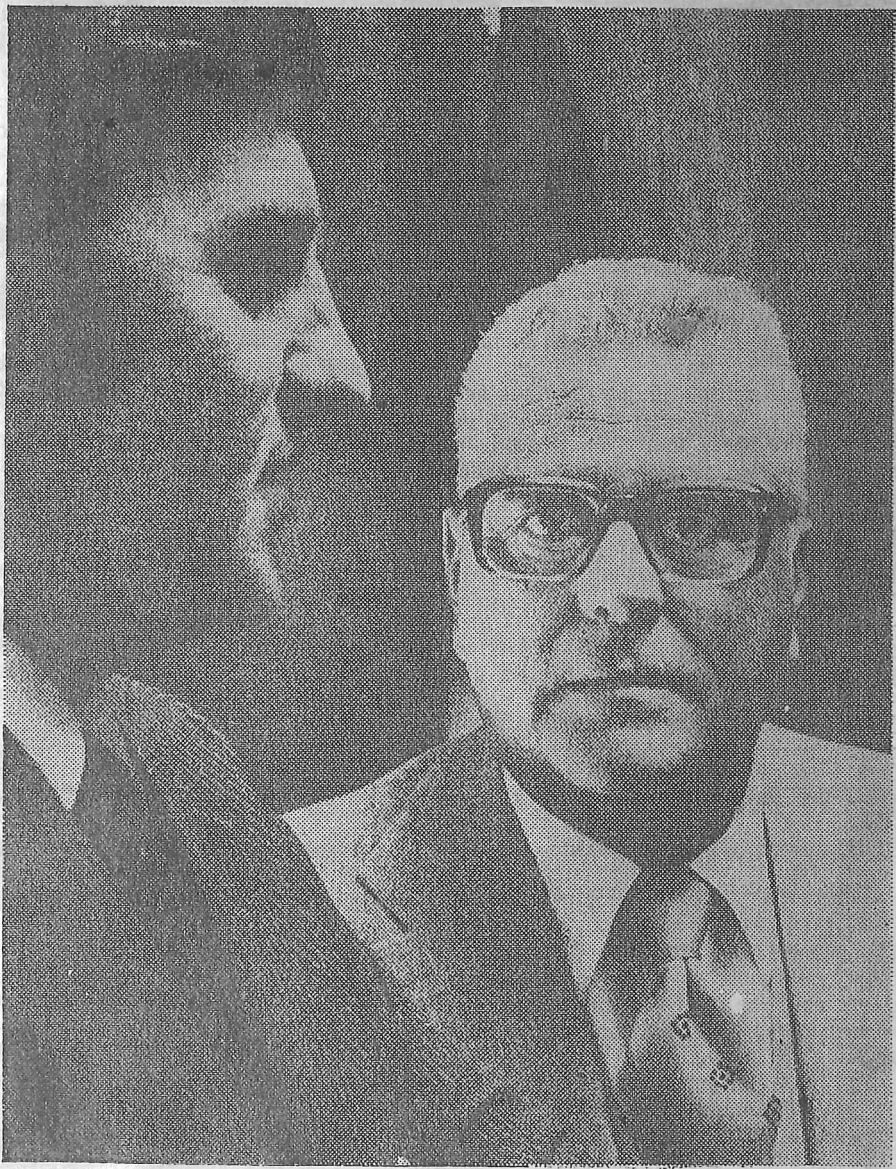
His duties as patrolman and sergeant included the traffic bureau and uniformed division. As captain, he commanded the former Selective Enforcement Unit, which concentrated on making felony arrests in areas of high crime, and was a shift commander at police headquarters downtown.

### Point Place Resident

A resident of Point Place, he is married and has three children.

The process of selecting a new chief began in late February, when Mr. McGrath, the only chief to be selected from outside the division, said he would resign effective May 31.

City Manager Kane immediately announced that priority would be given to candidates from within the police division, a move that was applauded by city councilmen and various police organizations.



CITY MANAGER INTRODUCES NEXT TOLEDO POLICE CHIEF  
Mr. Kane, left, with Captain Scoble at Safety Building

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Thirteen persons applied for the job, and after one was dropped for lack of qualifications, the remaining 12 submitted answers to written questions posed by Mr. Kane.

#### Field Narrowed To 8

On the basis of their responses, he narrowed the field to eight, who in turn were interviewed by a five-member committee picked by the manager to help screen the candidates.

That process involved videotaped psychological stress tests and live exercises in management problems.

In addition to Captain Scoble, the other finalists were Deputy Chiefs Raymond Vetter and Kenneth Rebensal; Captains John Mason, Richard McAtee, Irving Swan, and J.P. Moore, and Lt. Walter Abele, the manager said.

After the committee evaluated the candidates, Mr. Kane and Safety Director Donald Shanteau interviewed each finalist, then narrowed the field to two or three men, before finally deciding on Captain Scoble.

"The past couple of days I've done a lot of soul searching," Mr. Kane said. "But, I feel he's the man. He's a solid, honest, steady fellow, with a clear understanding of police work. He knows how to lead men."

#### 'Very Pleased,' Mayor Says Of Selection

Mayor Doug DeGood said he is "very pleased" with the selection of Captain Scoble.

"What pleases me most is that he has the temperament and demeanor that will enable him to relate well to the rest of the officers and community at large.

"He should bring an element of tranquility to the whole operation," the mayor stated.

Councilman Andy Douglas called the choice of the captain excellent — "One that I can support entirely. I look forward to a productive, harmonious police division that can serve the needs of our citizens."

#### 'Experienced Street Policeman'

The councilman said he "likes the idea that he is an experienced street policeman," and added that Captain Scoble is "really a popular choice" among members of the force.

Representatives of police groups all are pleased with the selection and are positive about working with the new chief.

Thomas Roth, treasurer of the Toledo Police Patrolmen's Association, said he is happy with the city manager's selection. "I feel that we'll be able to work with this chief who will listen to our problems," he said, adding that "together we can solve the problems that we have. He doesn't bypass the problems and doesn't pass the buck."

James Porter, president of the Fraternal Order of Police, said that although he is surprised at the selection, he thinks that it is an excellent one. "I'm aware that there were numerous, well-qualified candidates, and it had to be a difficult decision for the city manager to make."

#### Renewed Enthusiasm

Mr. Porter said that he also is looking forward to working with the new chief and added that he thinks an ideal situation for the chief would be for City Council "to provide an adequate budget, and for city administration and the courts to leave him alone and let him do his work."

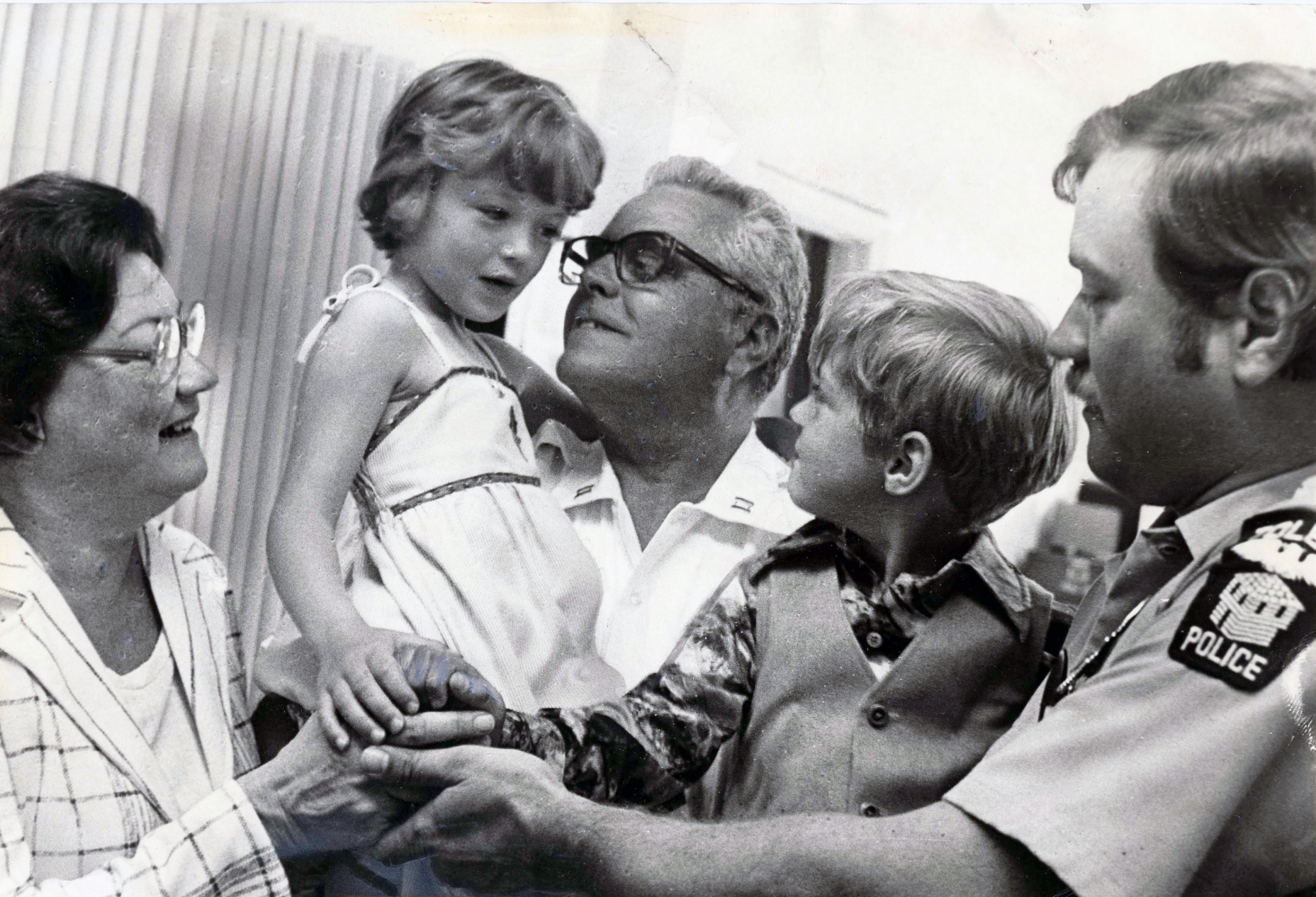
Tom Purcell, president of the Toledo Police Command Officers Association, said that he has seen renewed enthusiasm among the command officers by the mere selection of an in-house candidate.

"We have also observed a new sense of motivation, and we're optimistic about the future."

Councilman Sandy Isenberg said that she thinks the selection of the chief is a new beginning.

"I'm glad the selection was made through the ranks. It's important for morale and self worth for the men who put their lives on the line every day to be promoted from within."

Captain Scoble "has the respect of his men," she added.





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**NEW CHIEF SHARES QUIET MOMENT WITH FAMILY AT SWEARING-IN**  
*With Captain Scoble, center, are wife, Anna Mae; grandchildren, Kerrie Sindyla and Brent Scoble, and the chief's son, Larry, a Toledo policeman*

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# Scoble Takes Oath As New Police Chief

Change Effective *Blade* MAY 30 1978  
 Thursday For Head Of Scott Park District

Capt. Walter Scoble, a 30-year police division veteran, was sworn in today as chief of police effective Thursday.

The chief-designate, 52, has been commander of the Scott Park district station.

He was selected from a field of 12 candidates to fill the job held by Corrin McGrath for the last four years.

City Manager Walter Kane said today before the swearing-in that Chief McGrath's notice of plans to resign some three months ago helped afford "an orderly transition" to a new police administration.

The new chief, Mr. Kane said, demonstrated in a series of interviews and discussions that he has the qualities needed to command the division.

"In fact, he has demonstrated that throughout his career," Mr. Kane said.

In a brief acceptance speech, Captain Scoble thanked the administration and Council for their confidence.

"I feel I'm very fortunate going into the job because I have a very capable, competent staff," Captain Scoble said.

Noting that Wednesday is his 31st wedding anniversary, he acknowledged his wife, Anna Mae, in the audience, and thanked her "for putting up with me and this department for 30 years."

Captain Scoble joined the police division as a patrolman in 1948. He was promoted to sergeant in 1959, to lieutenant in 1967, and to captain in 1971.

# Police Chief's Breakfast Interrupted

## Photo Triggers Visit From Blade Reader

Police Chief Walter Scoble was reading The Blade during a leisurely breakfast Sept. 17 when an acquaintance knocked on the door and entered the kitchen.

He took the chief's newspaper, pointed to a picture in it of stolen merchandise recovered by police and FBI agents in a fencing operation, and said, "That's my car. When can I get it back?"

The man explained to Chief Scoble that the luxury automobile was one of

only two in the city and that his had been stolen about a week before. The man said he had checked to determine that the owner of the other car still had his vehicle.

After an inspection by detectives, the car became the first item among some \$1 million in merchandise recovered by police to be returned to its owner.

FBI agents and Toledo police had directed a six-month fencing operation which led to the recovery of the stolen property and the indictment of 65 persons.

Police so far have returned about half of the recovered cars and trucks. Sgt. Robert Baumgartner said that with the

winter season approaching, police thought it best to return the vehicles to their owners before seeking the owners of small items.

One of the first trucks returned has led to a \$500 donation to the police flower fund by Central Transport, Inc., of Sterling Heights, Mich. Deputy Chief Raymond Vetter said that Victor Lacca, of the trucking firm, insisted that he be allowed to reward the police in some way for their successful work.

Chief Vetter said it was decided that the flower fund, from which no officer would personally benefit, would be the best place for the donation. Unlike some political office holders' so-called flower funds, the police fund is used solely to buy flowers for funerals of persons connected with the division, Chief Vetter said.

Chief Scoble said that there were some items recovered during the operation which were returned in an indirect fashion.

One such incident involved a six-ton truck loaded with soft drinks. The theft occurred in front of a near-downtown restaurant, when two men noticed keys in the truck's ignition.

While one of the men entered the cab of the truck, the other made a telephone call to Star Rehab, the front used by police in the fencing operation, to ask if they were interested in buying a truck.

When told they would be interested, the first man drove the truck to the office on 12th Street used by police. He was paid \$200 for the truck, including its merchandise, and left.

Worried that the product might spoil or the bottles be broken, police decided not to keep it. It was driven by a police officer to Beacon and 12th streets and abandoned. They planned to phone in an anonymous tip to a Toledo police dispatcher, but before they could, a supervisor for the soft-drink company saw the truck and it was returned to the driver.

Since the police fencing operation has been made public and the police have moved to arrest the 65 persons indicted, the police property recovery unit has averaged about 40 calls a day from persons wanting to know whether their property is being held and when it might be returned.

# Retirement Announced By Toledo Police Chief

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## Scoble To Leave By July 1, Cites Improved Pension

Police Chief Walter Scoble today informed the city manager that he will retire by July 1.

A memorandum prepared by Chief Scoble was delivered to City Manager J. Michael Porter this morning. Copies were sent to Mayor Doug DeGood and Donald Shanteau, safety director.

Chief Scoble, 54, said he is willing to leave before July 1 if Mr. Porter finds a replacement and if a transition period can be completed effectively prior to that date.

He said that he is retiring because of Ohio's improved pension plan for police which goes into effect March 1. Under the plan, Chief Scoble will receive 72 per cent of the average of his three highest-paid years. His current salary is \$37,360 per year.

The decision to retire was not made



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**WALTER SCOBLE**  
Police chief since June, 1978

as a reaction to any problems he has encountered in his position, such as the strike by city employees last July, the chief said.

"I am leaving here with no regrets, no hard feelings, and nothing but love for this department."

The chief said that he gave the manager early notice "so that he will have plenty of time to find someone for the job and so that I can give him 100 per cent cooperation between now and July 1."

Chief Scoble took over as chief June 1, 1978, replacing Corrin McGrath, who resigned after four years. He was named to the post by former City Manager Walter Kane from a field of 12 candidates.

Born in Wilkes Barre, Pa., Chief Scoble joined the police division in 1948. He was promoted to sergeant in 1959, to lieutenant in 1967, and to captain in 1971.

As a captain he commanded the former selective enforcement unit and headed the Scott Park district station when it opened in 1971. He held this position until he became chief.

Since Chief Scoble assumed command, there have been a number of developments in the police division.

Twenty persons were hired as police officers last year, and the division recently was authorized to hire an additional 30.

Two police sting operations also were brought to a culmination during Chief Scoble's tenure. Both were conducted by a team of Toledo police and FBI agents.

The first resulted in arrest warrants for approximately 65 persons. The second, which was announced about four months ago, has not yet reached a conclusion, although police officials have said that it will involve the arrest of more persons than the first operation.

Chief Scoble said that he has no immediate future plans, "other than to hang around the pool this summer and to get in some fishing."

### **TPPA President, Shanteau, DeGood Express Regrets**

Gary Dunn, president of the Toledo Police Patrolmen's Association, said he thought he and the chief worked well together and he will be sorry to see him retire.

Both Mayor DeGood and Mr. Shanteau expressed regrets at the chief's decision. Mr. Shanteau noted that Chief Scoble had provided stability in the office of chief at a time when it was needed.

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June 1, 1980

# Walter L. Scoble

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## WALTER SCOBLE OBITUARY

(News article) A man whose promotion to Toledo police chief in 1978 capped a long career on the force, Walter L. Scoble died Sunday in Toledo Hospital. He was 87.

He entered the hospital a week earlier with difficulty breathing, his daughter Muriel said.

Chief Scoble of Point Place served two years as chief of police and was lauded at his 1980 retirement for steering a steady course in the wake of his predecessor, Corrin McGrath, who had been the only chief chosen from outside the Toledo police ranks.

"I am leaving here with no regrets, no hard feelings, and nothing but love for this department," Chief Scoble said

Larry's sons - are Toledo police sergeants. Police veterans have told Brent about working with and serving under Chief Scoble.

"Not only was I told my Grandpa was a good cop, but he was a genuinely good man," Sergeant Scoble said.

In September, 1982, from Chief Scoble's home, he and his son saw a woman leave her car on the Ottawa River bridge, climb a railing, and jump in the river. They called police and set off in their boat for the bridge. Larry jumped in the water and with his father's help rescued the unconscious woman.

Chief Scoble joined the police force in 1948. He was promoted to sergeant in 1959 and to lieutenant in 1967. As captain, he led the selective enforcement unit, which concentrated on felony arrests in high-crime areas. He was a shift commander at the Safety Building downtown before he became first commander of the Scott Park district station when it opened in 1976.

He wanted jobs that kept him in contact with officers on the street. "That has been on purpose," he told The Blade after he was named chief. "I guess you'd call it my management style."

Then-City Manager Walter Kane made the appointment over two deputy chiefs, four other captains, and a lieutenant who sought the top spot.

"He was proud of it, but he was kind of taken aback when they gave it to him," his daughter said.

He was born Sept. 25, 1925, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to Ruth and Walter Scoble. His father died before he was born. His mother moved to Toledo, where she had family. He attended Libbey High School and was a graduate of the former Macomber Vocational High School.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and served in the Mediterranean as a chief petty officer aboard a transport vessel known as a "landing ship tank." Everyone aboard LST 602 received a commendation for their service.

He was member of the Toledo Police American Legion post and accompanied friends to events at the Conn-Weissenberger post.

He and his wife, Anna Mae, married May 30, 1947. Their son, Larry, died March 10, 2009, after a fire in his home. Mrs. Scoble died Dec. 5, 2010.


Surviving are Chief Scoble's daughters, Muriel Sindyla and Valerie Abbott; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday in the David R. Jasin-Hoening Funeral Home. There will be no services. The family suggests tributes to the Toledo Area Humane Society.



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May God bless you and your family. I'll never forget your Mom Dad and Larry!

**Greg Ehmann**

January 27, 2013

Muriel, Gary and the rest of the Scoble family, please accept my condolences on your loss. While growing up, Larry and I couldn't get away with a whole lot with your Dad and mine around. He will be missed.

January 27, 2013

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God give you strength to cope with your loss. Muriel and Val look back and smile on all the wonderful times we all had with your entire family. May God be with you.  
Jesse and Mary Durfey

January 27, 2013

i was a child and lived next to the scobles on the ottawa river our famileys hung out together through forth of julys swimming, fishing with larry, hanging out with val, bringing murial flowers and watching the love between walt and anna mae. ii have been blessed to have such a wondeerful family next door to me helping to shape the person that i am today..... to work hard ...play hard... and to love my wife and children always sincerely mike and carol Nadaud and family

January 27, 2013

Muriel and Val,  
Bob and I are sorry to hear about your loss,and we send our sympathy to you and your family.  
Regards,  
Bob and Sue Socie

January 26, 2013

So glad we have such nice memories of Walt. It was fun talking over old times "on the beat" in recent years. This old world is the better because he was here.

**Ray & Marge Downing**

January 26, 2013

Our sympathy is extended to the family of this fine Brother who has passed to join others in Heaven to provide a greater service to the Lord. May God's comfort be with you at this difficult time.

**Perrysburg Township Fraternal Order of Police #184**

January 25, 2013

I had the pleasure of being Chief Scoble's secretary while he was chief.

Beverly Gowing, Secretary retired  
Palmetto, Fl./Marblehead, Oh

January 25, 2013

I met Chief Scoble When I was transferred to The US Secret Service Toledo Office in 1980. It was a busy Presidential campaign year and I knew no one at TPD. When the first candidate came to Toledo I was assigned to coordinate security for the visit. The first person I met was Chief Scoble. He introduced me around and suddenly it seemed I knew most of the cops in Toledo. That visit and many others went well because of the help Chief gave me I will always be grateful. All of his family has my deepest sympathy.

**Roger Mericle-SA-USSS-Ret.**

January 24, 2013

Dear Papa,

I've always loved you every day of my life and I will still remember you from these very sad days and on. You were very loving and brave and it's not just me who loved you but everybody you knew. You were in the Navy you were chief of the Toledo police department and you shook the hand of president Ronald Regan. You've done a lot in your life and I'm very proud of you. Your wife was Anna Mae so tell her that I loved her very very much to. You were the best papa I could ever have. Me and Kyle are gonna miss you very much! Love Zack Scoble

**Zackery Scoble**

January 24, 2013

My father, Captain Ronald Marr was friends with Chief Scoble throughout his career with the TPD. He always spoke very highly of Chief Scoble. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

**David Marr**

January 24, 2013

My father, Lt. James Schneider, worked for Chief Scoble while on Selective Enforcement. I was just a kid then, but I remember he thought the world of him. My condolences to the family.

**Debbie Schneider**

January 24, 2013

Muriel and Gary and family....please accept our sincere condolences in the loss of your dad....we got to spend a little time with him on Saturday mornings at T-Bones in Henderson, NV when he came to live with you in recent months. He was a very nice, polite gentleman, even though he was dealing with many

**Peggie & David Riccio**

January 24, 2013

Dear Scoble family I give you my deepest sympathy. God bless you all.

**Mary Kuhn(Osborn)**

January 23, 2013

I worked with Walt both on Selective Enforcement and he was respected by all who worked for him and he respected all who worked for him. I spent many a night driving him around Toledo and I enjoyed every minute.

**Kevan Wendt**

January 23, 2013

Muriel and Val, our thought and prayers are with you. We have such great memories of Uncle Walt and Aunt Anna Mae. We were fortunate to share Florida vacations, 4th of July parties and all the wonderful family times. This last Christmas will always be special as we were all together. He was a "special" person in our and our childrens lives. God Bless.

**Barbara & Earl Schmakel**

January 23, 2013

My condolences to the Scoble family. I used to have coffee with Captain Scoble every night at the old Lincoln Rest. He will always be remembered as a very good Police officer and a great person.

**Daniel (Dutch) Schultz Sr.**

January 23, 2013

My condolences to Brent and other members of the Scoble family. I was assigned to the Selective Enforcement Unit under then Captain Scoble and found him to be an excellent command officer, leader, and person. He was well respected.

**Fred Johnson**

January 23, 2013

Words alone cannot describe the fondness that existed for this man as a Police Officer. He was a true Man among Men to those who worked with him and under his Command. He was truly respected and he will never be forgotten. He has left all of us with a Legacy of the Highest Respect. God Bless his family at this time.

Time passes by and so has thee.

Fond faded memories of what used to be.

The Scoble family were the best neighbors any one could ask for. Our families were close as I grew up and I have nothing but fond memories.

You gave me my first job as a young boy cutting lawns. You paid me a dollar each time and I was thrilled. I saved all summer to buy my first fishing reel.

Fourth-Of-July holidays were always great times. Do you remember the time you sat at your picnic table with a huge box of fireworks? Somehow the entire box started going off and while you sat there stunned, everyone else dove for cover.

As a pre-teen I would stop by regularly and watch TV with you. Your favorite program was "Adam-12" and your only rule was ... no talking.

You were a bit of a second father to me although I never told you so.

Our families stayed close through the years but alas changes came. Now just a feeling of emptiness inside all the same.

May you be walking "the beat" in heaven, with Anna Mae and Larry by you side. I will miss you.

**Stephen Nadaud**

January 23, 2013

You are all in my prayers. Walt was a great guy and wonderful neighbor who let my kids go fishing on his dock. Im sure he left all of you with memories to cherish.

**Kitty Whitehead**

January 23, 2013

Condolances for the most respected Captain and man that I had the pleasure of knowing and working with!

Paul Berning, Selective Enforcement.

January 23, 2013

You are all in our prayers. I have such fond memories of Uncle Walt. He was truly a special man. xoxox

**Carol Cowart (Scoble)**

January 23, 2013

With love and fondest of memories we celebrate the elevation of our "Uncle Walt"!! He was a man of his word and a profoundly devoted family man. He loved his family beyond words and will be remembered lovingly by family and friends.