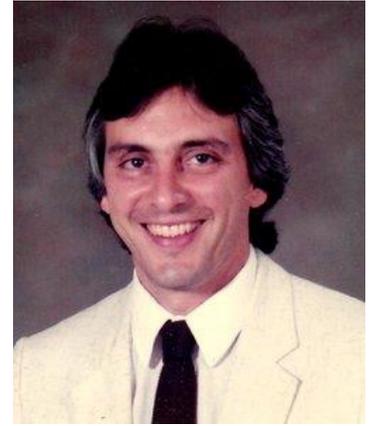


# EDWARD SABA BALAGIA

February 13, 1955 – November 25, 1990



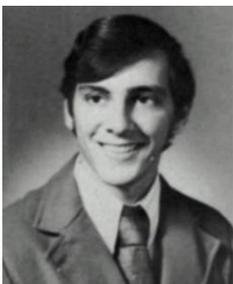
Sr. Sargeant, Austin Police Department, was a renowned homicide detective who solved numerous high-profile murders in Austin, Texas during the 1980s. He had a certain gift for interrogating that earned him the reputation of one of Austin's outstanding police investigators.

Edward Saba Balagia was born on February 13, 1955. He died at the very young age of 35 on November 25, 1990, after a brief illness.

Edward was a native Austinite who graduated from John H. Reagan High School in 1973. Edward attended Southwest Texas State University where he earned his Bachelor's in Criminal Justice and a Master's in Political Science. He entered the Austin Police Department Academy in August of 1978, where he graduated in the 59<sup>th</sup> Cadet Class. He was promoted to the rank of Sgt. Investigator in 1984 and was briefly assigned to the General Assignments Detail before his assignment to the Homicide Detail, where he remained for six and a half years; in September of that year, Edward was promoted to the rank of Senior Sargeant of Police.

Edward earned the highest respects for his investigative work from both his fellow investigators and the staff of the Travis County District Attorney's office. He was a true role model for all officers to follow, his contributions to the Austin Police Department and the community on the whole will be greatly missed.

The greatest accolade that a police officer can expect to receive is to be known for making a difference. Senior Sargeant Edward Saba Balagia did make "the difference".



Edward Saba Balagia, a devoted father, friend and Police Officer is survived by his immediate family: Evangeline (Vangie) Balagia; son Vincent Balagia; mother Frances Balagia; three brothers Buddy, Jamie and Mark Balagia and sister Sharon McCright.

Edward was preceded in death by his father, Buddy Balagia. Mass was celebrated at the San Jose Catholic Church, and burial was at Assumption Cemetery.



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