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John Thomas Duggan, 58, a police captain in the 25th District, helped pioneer the use of helicopters by the Chicago Police Department. He formerly headed the helicopter unit as well as the marine and horse units.

A resident of the Edison Park neighborhood, he died Sunday in St. Francis Hospital, Evanston.

Capt. Duggan joined the force in 1959. He graduated from the Traffic

Institute at Northwestern University and served various details before being appointed in 1967 to a two-man team to plan the introduction and use of helicopters by the Police Department.

By the mid-1970s, Capt. Duggan also was heading up the department's 31-member marine unit and its mounted horse detail.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; a son, John; four daughters, Chris-

tine, Susan, Carole and Mary Geitz; four grandchildren; a brother, and four sisters.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Ryan-Parke Funeral Home, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge.

Mass for Capt. Duggan will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 4646 N. Austin Ave.