Cathy Burland, the only one of three in the ill-fated canoe to survive last Sunday's accident, is comforted by a mourner at Danielle Burns' funeral. Burland and Burns were best friends since they began high school.

## More than 500 mourners say goodbye to Danielle

More than 500 people paid last respects yesterday to 17-year-old Danielle Tara Burns, a young woman who friends and family described as an avid athlete and a loval friend who lived life to the fullest.

The Turner and Porter Chapel on Hurontario St. was filled to overflowing for the funeral of the Meadowvale Secondary School student who died in a boating accident on the Severn River last Sunday.

Don Crocker, Burns' guidance counsellor at Meadowvale said. 'Danielle always gave the best of what she got. She could look you right in the eye and say, "let's get on with it." She was a positive role model at Meadowvale, she kept things upbeat."

Cathy Burland, 17, who survived the accident which claimed Burns and 17-year-old Denise Williams, said, "Danielle and I have been friends for a long time, and she's written me a lot of poems over the vears."

Burland quoted from a poem Burns wrote for her this year titled, Never Tear Us Apart.

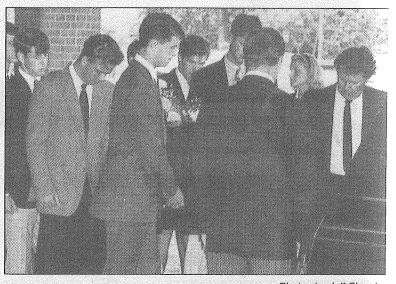
"I'll always remember the special friend you are...no one, nothing will ever tear us apart," she read.

Friends said Burns was an active athlete who enjoyed soccer. skiing, and boating at her family's cottage in Severn Falls near Big

Chute. An honors student, Burns was to enter her final year of high school this September with hopes of becoming an orthodontic sur-

Burns and Williams lost their lives when a Sea-Doo struck their

The funeral for Williams will be held today at 1 p.m.



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Pall bearers carry the casket to the awaiting hearse following services for 17-year-old Danielle Burns, of Meadowvale.