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Goodbye to Al

Cooksville United Church was filled to capacity Monday morning as mourners said goodbye to longtime Missis-sauga resident Al Cherny, who died last week of cancer. Cherny and his fiddle were regulars on CBC-TV's *Tommy Hunter Show* for almost a quarter century. An emotional eulogy was delivered by Gordie Tapp who, like Hunter and Cherny, launched his career on *Country Hoedown* many years ago. Tapp later went on to star on the American syndicated series *Hee Haw*. Music at the funeral was provided by some of the regular performers on the Hunter show and Hunter himself read *The Hand of the Master*, a religious piece about the sale of an old fiddle which he and Cherny often used to close his TV show. Among those attending were Missis-sauga West MP Bob Horner and Ward 6 councillor David Culham. Culham met Cherny, who lived on O'Hagan Dr. in his ward, several years ago and Culham says the two talked often about constituency problems and met for breakfast several times. "He was just a tremendous guy and a great talent who was always true to his roots," said Culham, who said he was deeply moved by the depth of feeling for "this fundamental man" at the services.