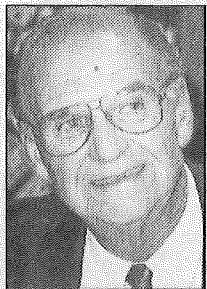


Cancer claims retired cop Bert Collins



COLLINS

Retired Peel Regional Police Deputy Chief Robert "Bert" Collins died early yesterday. Collins, 61, had been battling cancer for several months.

Collins had more than 30 years police service, having joined the former Toronto Township Police which later became the City of Mississauga Police. He played major part in planning the Peel Regional Police Force which was created when the five municipalities in Peel County officially amalgamated on Jan. 1, 1974.

Collins moved up the ranks as a division commander, staff superintendent and deputy chief of the uniform operations. On Jan. 1, 1988, he was appointed Deputy Chief of Police. He retired from the force in January 1991.

But his life wasn't all police work. He devoted many years to the people of the city sitting on a number of boards and organizations, working for the betterment of the lives of residents. He was a past president and active member of the Mississauga-Dixie Rotary Club and was a prime mover in the creation of what is now today as the Mississauga International Business Show.

He worked in many capacities with the Bereaved Families of Ontario, Hospice of Peel, Distress Line Peel, and the Peel Assessment Workshop. Collins was always ready to lend a hand with *The Mississauga News* Christmas Bureau Fund.

In 1986 his dedication to the community was recognized

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Collins remembered for humanitarian work

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by the Knights of Columbus, John F. Kennedy Council as "Humanitarian of the Year." This award is present annually to an officer who has displayed compassionate and charitable service to

the community.

Collins is resting at the Turner and Porter Funeral Home, Peel Chapel, 2180 Hurontario St. Visiting is tonight from 7-9 p.m. and tomorrow from 2-4 p.m. and again from 7-9 p.m.

The funeral will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at First United Church, 151 Lakeshore Rd. W. Interment will be at St. John's Cemetery, at Cawthra Rd. and Dundas St. E.

Collins is survived by his wife, Thelma.