City's first female cop loses battle with cancer

A true pioneer of local policing has died.

Sergeant Maureen "Moe" Grant, Mississauga's first female police officer, died Wednesday after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was 55.

Born in England, Grant began her policing career in her native country before moving to Canada, where in 1971 she became the first woman constable on the Mississauga Police Department.

Grant spend time in the Criminal Investigation Bureau and as a uniform patrol sergeant before dedicating most of her time to dealing with the city's youth. She eventually became Sergeant-In-Charge of the Youth Bureau.



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Up until recently, she had been the Sergeant-In-Charge of the Provincial Court at 424 Hensall Circle.

"Sergeant Grant earned the respect of everyone who had the good fortune to know her," said Superintendent Dan Banting, Officer-In-Charge of 12 Division. "Maureen was genuinely concerned for everyone whose path crossed hers during her police career and private life. She was quite a lady and a fine police officer."

An active member of the community, Grant was also involved in child abuse and young offender issues and had received numerous commendations for her work in these areas.

Grant leaves her husband Gerry and their 26-year-old son Gerald.

Visitation will be tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at

7 to 9 p.m. at Turner and Porter Funeral Home, 2180 Hurontario St.

A full police funeral will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Hilary's Church, 2055 Hurontario St.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Mississauga Hospital Magnetic Resonance Imaging Fund.