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Erin Mills singer named gospel soloist

She's Rose Marie.

Not of Dick Van Dyke fame, but a Mississauga teen who was recently named Canadian Gospel Music Association soloist of the year.

When she's not singing, at talent competitions, special functions or weddings, the Erin Mills resident attends Loyola Catholic Secondary School.

Or, she's working as an Olive Garden Restaurant hostess to earn money to pay for further education, both in music and in the field of early childhood education.

"My singing career began at the age of 11 when I was asked to sing our Crusader banquet," said Rose-Marie Kronschnabl, 18.

The Crusaders is a youth group at Rose Marie's church, Queensway Cathedral.

At that banquet, Rose Marie sang a song she had written as a farewell to a Crusader youth leader. She did so to the tune of *Waiting For Your Love To Come Down* by Susan Ashton.

"I do some Christian music. Most of what I do is country," said the singer.

Since that tender age of 11, Rose Marie has put two years of formal vocal instruction under her belt.

Also to her credit, Rose Marie has performed at a Christmas craft and gift show held at SkyDome two years ago, sang at her own graduations from both high school and the Barbizon School of

Modelling, and has competed in many contests, including one at the Canadian National Exhibition.

"I have grown to love singing so much that I am beginning to gear my life toward the music industry. I have always enjoyed a variety of hobbies, but singing has been something that I've done naturally since a very young age," said Rose Marie.

With a goal of singing professionally and writing her own music, the teen performs a range of tunes from country to contemporary.

"I see my music as a way to bring enjoyment, peace and comfort to people. To know that I've helped make someone's day brighter or easier, makes

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me happy," said Rose Marie.

Two weeks ago, she was named by the Canadian Gospel Music Association as soloist of the year.

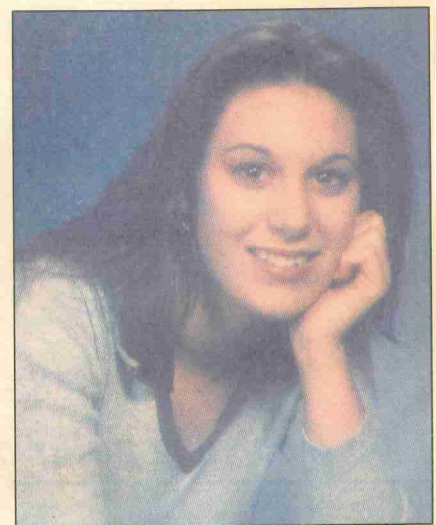
This was her second time entering the competition that consists of a series of 10 contests across Ontario. In both years, Rose Marie won her regional title during the summer and got into the showdown of the 10 finalists.

Last year, she placed fourth.

This year, she took first at the finals that were held at the Bramalea Baptist Church in late October.

Rose Marie first learned of the contest from her sister, who works at the 100 Huntley Street television production headquarters in Cambridge.

As part of her prize, Rose Marie gets eight hours of free recording time in a studio in London.



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