City Hall flags Find fly at half mast for night watchman

City Hall flags were at half mast yesterday as city staff said goodbye to their night watchman of the past six years.

John Pekeski, known as the friendly, pipe-smoking gentleman who greeted night visitors to City Hall, died Monday morning after a long bout with cancer.

The 70-year-old retired butcher was considered by many as Mississauga's goodwill ambassador, since he always had a friendly greeting or offer to help.

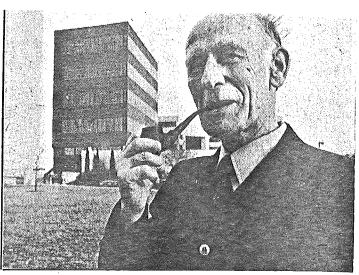
Pekeski went out of his way

to delight staff members with baskets of fruit.

Pekeski and his wife, Violet, lived on Glengarry Rd. for 36 years and raised their five children there.

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Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Turner and Porter Chapel, 2180 Hurontario St.



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City Hall's evening security guard John Pekeski has been a fixture at city hall for six years.