

## Radio host dead at 68

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# Sonin helped to call all Britons

**SONIN**

June Sonin has died, but the radio program she carried on in her late husband's honor, will live on.

The Mississauga resident, 68, died last weekend in the Trillium Health Centre as a result of complications from surgery.

Ray Sonin hosted the popular *Calling All Britons* radio program on Toronto's CFRB for 30 years. After he married June, who came to Canada from her native England in 1951, she helped him out with the show. The couple married in 1978.

When the popular music program was cancelled by CFRB, Sonin began speaking with CHWO about reviving it. He died before negotiations with CHWO of Oakville, which also runs Mississauga's CJMR Radio, could be completed.

Michael Caine, general manager of the radio station says it was a couple of years before June Sonin and he agreed that *Calling All Britons*

should be revived.

"She was the spirit of the program and its main producer," says Caine, a Mississauga resident. "She picked the bulk of the music and was the co-presenter."

Sonin's co-producer of the show was Ken Stanley, a regular on *The Pig and Whistle* TV show. After Stanley died, his place was taken by Colin Hoare, who will carry on the show's tradition.

"It was a two-person program but she was the rock of the show," says Caine. "We'll miss her a lot on that program," he adds.

"When you stop to think about it, the show was 33 years on CFRB and six years here. That's almost unheard of in broadcasting history. It's quite a legacy," says Caine.

Funeral services for Sonin were held yesterday at the Turner and Porter Funeral Home on Hurontario St.