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# One year later and we still remember!

One year ago, Mississauga was saddened by the loss of its No. 1 citizen.

A native Mississaugan, late Mayor Robert W. Speck devoted all of his energies to the people and the future of this thriving municipality.

The Robert Speck Civic Centre, on the west side of Highway 10, just north of Burnhamthorpe Rd., stands as an everlasting tribute to this man.

One of the most noteworthy trademarks of Bob Speck's 16-year tenure on the Township of Toronto and Mississauga councils was the fact that he was liked by the great majority with whom he came in contact — and respected by all.

As Doug Kennedy, Peel South's Provincial member of parliament, said, shortly after the death of Bob Speck in St Michael's Hospital last April 5; "Bob was a person who grew with the job and never was sidetracked by petty things. He was the right man in the right place at the right time."

Some years ago, Mayor Speck spearheaded the start of discussions into what really is regional government today. Many people, at that time, felt that he would have made an outstanding regional council chairman. He was a true leader of men.

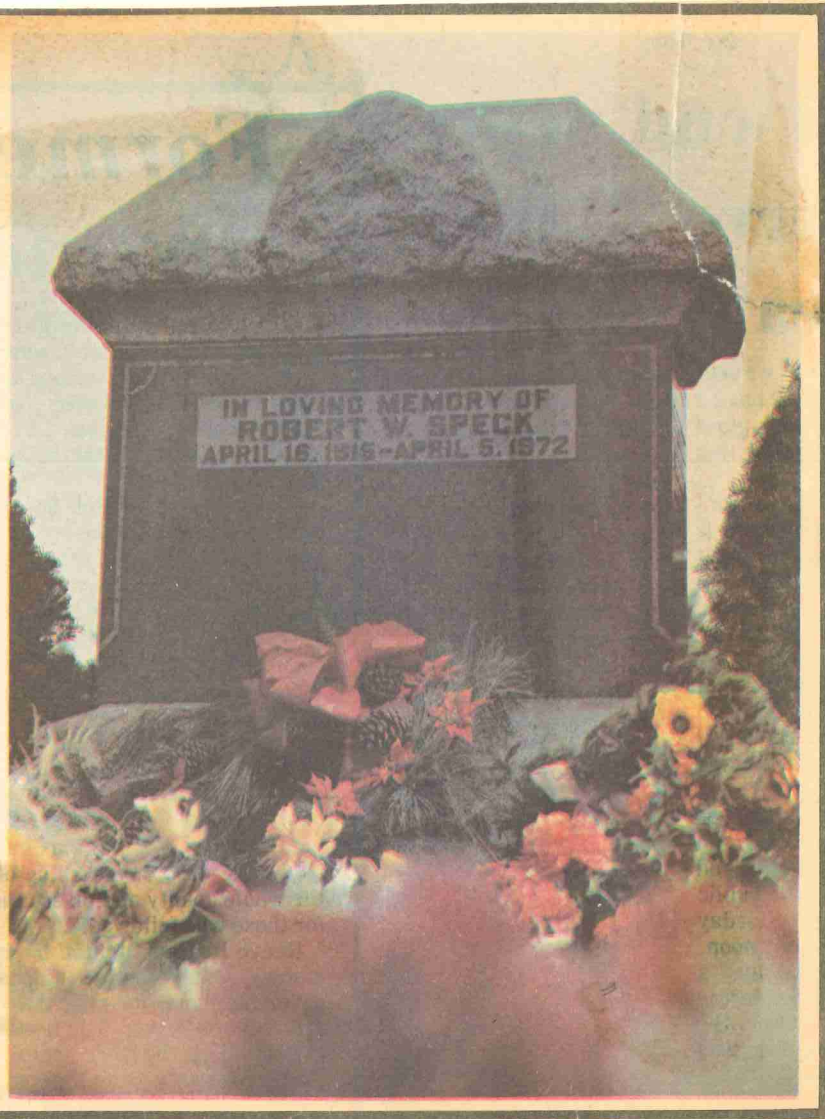
The memory of Bob Speck will remain with the people of "his town" for years to come.

This Sunday, in a special ceremony, town officials will rename the 19-acre Stoney Bay Park, on the south side of Lakeshore Rd., just outside the western boundary of Port Credit, in honor of the 14-year-old Toronto boy whose heart was transplanted into Mayor Speck.

Rick Wolniewicz died as the result of a subway accident and, shortly after his death, the heart transplant operation was carried out in St. Michael's Hospital.

Mayor Speck lived for three and a half months after the operation. His loss was a tremendous blow to the many hundreds of Mississaugans who knew and respected this man.

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