



Photo by Jeff Chevrier

The casket bearing career police officer and local hockey builder Gord Stanfield is carried past a police honor guard outside First United Church in Port Credit yesterday. Stanfield's son Fred, who had a long and distinguished career with the Boston Bruins of the NHL, carries his father's police hat.

Local police, hockey legend buried

Rarely does one person make an impact on two disparate segments of the community, but Gord Stanfield did just that.

Stanfield, who rose through the ranks to become a staff superintendent with the Peel Regional Police was also a major force in Mississauga amateur hockey.

Stanfield died early Wednesday at Credit Valley Hospital from complications arising from an infection. He was 76.

A police funeral was held for him yesterday at First United Church in Port Credit.

Born in the old community of Dixie, Stanfield grew up in the area that was to become Mississauga before serving three years in the Canadian Armed Forces with the 48th Highlanders.



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In 1946, he joined the Township of Toronto Police Department which became the Mississauga Police Department and then Peel Regional Police in 1974.

In all, Stanfield spent 32 years as a police official rising through the ranks before retiring in 1978.

"Gord Stanfield has a special place in the hearts of senior Peel Regional Police officers," said Inspector Jim Simpson. "He personally interviewed and hired many of them when he was in charge of recruiting for the Mississauga Police Force. One question always asked in those interviews was 'Do you play hockey?'"

Stanfield's connection with hockey goes back to the earliest days of organized sports in this area.

A founder of the Triple A Mississauga Reps, he also managed several of the Dixie Beehive teams starting in the 1950s.

Of his seven sons, four played professionally, with Fred Stanfield reaching the pinnacle of the game

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Gord Stanfield

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by winning the Stanley Cup
with the Boston Bruins during
a 15-year career.

"Hockey was a family affair
for Gord," continued Simpson.
"He was active in the organiza-
tion. He coached and passed on
his love of his game to his sons."

Stanfield is survived by sons
Fred, Vic, Jack, Joe, Jim and
Paul. He is predeceased by
wife his Betty and son Gord.