

708 DEATHS

VANCE: DORIS EVELYN- With deep sadness, we announce the passing of Doris, age 63, after a year long battle with leukemia which she fought with grace and courage. Beloved wife and best friend of Ross for over 43 years. Loving and devoted mother of Alicia Vance and her husband Eoghan Salee, and Stephen Vance and his wife Claire McCusker. Proud grandma of her two baby grandsons, Ross and Findlay. Dear sister and sister-in-law of Ruth and Ron Beaudin, Don and Karen Murray, Barbara Murray and Jim and Pat Murray. Lovingly remembered by her mother-in-law Alicia Vance, her sisters-in-law and their spouses, many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents, Andrew and Jessie Murray, her dear brother Norman Murray and father-in-law Arthur Vance. Family received friends at the Graham A. Giddy Funeral Home & Chapel, 280 St. David St. South in Fergus, on Sunday, January 27, 2008 from 7-9 pm, Monday, January 28th from 3-5 and 7-9 pm. Funeral service was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, St. Patrick St., Fergus on Tuesday, January 29th at 11 am. Interment at Greenfield Cemetery, Arthur in the spring. Donations may be made to Princess Margaret Hospital Stem Cell Transplant. Cards are available at the Funeral Home 519-843-3100. www.grahamgiddyfh.com.

WATTS: JOHN "Acey" - Owner of Bramtor Glass and Mirror Ltd. Passed suddenly on January 23, 2008 at home in his 54th year. Beloved father of Christina and her husband John. Loving son of Teresa Downey and the late Ronald Watts. Dear brother of Teresa, Ron, Randy, and Clint. Special "Papa" of Adrianna and Austin. Beloved uncle of 11 nieces and nephews. Family and friends will be received at the Ward Funeral Home, Brampton Chapel, 52 Main St. S. (Hwy 10), Brampton, on Thursday, January 24, 2008 from 6-9pm and Friday from 2-4 pm & 7-9pm. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church 115 Vodden St E., Brampton on Saturday at 11:30 am. Interment at Brampton Memorial Gardens. If desired, donations to The Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. a31b

709 IN MEMORIAM

DILLMAN, Ron Who left us so suddenly February 3, 2007
In the garden of our thoughts, the time is always spring. Memories grow sweeter for our remembering. For the beauty of the flowers is the language of the heart. And love lives forever where dear ones never part. We never ask for miracles, but today, just one would do. To see the door push open and see you walking through. If we could have one lifetime wish, one wish that would come true. We would wish with all our hearts, for yesterday and you. The things we feel most deeply, are the hardest things to say. For we, your family, loved you. We miss you more each day. For life is not the same, since you have gone away. Our hearts still ache with sadness, and silent tears still flow. For what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.

Loving you forever and missing you always. Mavis, Sue & Jeff, Jan & Dave, Dave & Tracy, Don & Patti

709 IN MEMORIAM

DILLMAN, Ron In loving memory of our Grandpa who passed away February 3, 2007
You slipped away so suddenly on that cold and wintry day, Grandpa, here are just a few things we never got to say, We love you and we'll miss you, We'll cherish you forever. Because you were a part of our lives we believe they were much better, Someday we will join you up there, way up in the sky, So Grandpa, this is just see you soon, this is not good-bye. Sadly missed every day by Shannon, Ben & Tracy, Jessica, Meaghan, Lucas, Aaron
HARLKEY, Leslie Gayle February 3, 2007
Nothing can ever take away The love a heart holds dear, Fond memories linger every day, Remembrance keeps her near. Your last parting wish We would like to have heard, And breathed in your ear Our last parting word. Only those who have lost Are able to tell The pain in the heart At not saying farewell. God knew that she was suffering That the hills were hard to climb So He closed her weary eyelids And whispered, "Peace be thine." Away in the beautiful hills of God, By the valley of rest so fair, Some day, we know not when We will meet our loved one there. We do not need a special day To bring you to our mind For the days we do not think of you Are very hard to find. If all this world were ours to give, We'd give it, yes and more, To see the face of Leslie dear Come smiling through the door. Remembering you always, Her boys Dan, Derek and Daryl
JORDON, Ron Sept. 12, 1949 - January 31, 2007
GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN
You left this world a better place because you touched so many lives in your time with us. Not forgotten by Ron's family are the staff and friends at Community Living Dufferin, Ron's church family and the staff at both local hospitals.
SHEPHERD, Wilfred November 1936 - January 1980. 28 years in the arms of the angels. My Wilfred, my guardian angel. Miss you Georgina "Love is forever"

WELSH, Grace February 1, 2007
Mothers Never Die You have never lost your Mother, Though you've said your last goodbyes, Though there are heartbreaks in the parting, No one's Mother really dies. If you love to hear the old songs, For the memories that they bring, It's because you had a Mother Who taught you how to sing. If you stop to help a neighbour, Search your heart and you will find, It's because you had a Mother, Who taught you to be kind If you go to church when weary, Seeking God to guide your way, It's because you had a Mother, Who taught you how to pray. No you never lost your Mother, Though you've said your last goodbyes Through your thoughts and deeds she's living. No one's Mother really dies. Stephan, Karen & Family Brian, Mara & Family

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WELSH, Grace In loving memory of a dear sister who left us one year ago today, February 1, 2007.
Through tears we watched you slipping We watched you fade away Our hearts were almost broken, You fought so hard to stay. When the end came peacefully, And you were finally freed from pain, We could not wish you back To suffer that again. So keep your arms around her, Lord And give her special care, Make up for all she suffered, And all that seemed unfair. Her weary hours and days of pain, Her troubled nights are passed, And in our aching hearts we know, She has found sweet rest at last. A light has gone from our world, But heaven is brighter for her presence. Always loved and forever remembered Sister Elly (Ellen) and brother-in-law Dan

710 CARD OF THANKS

BROCKLEBANK We would truly like to thank our friends, former neighbours and business customers, for their lovely cards, phone calls and inquiries as to Norm's health after breaking his hip in a fall. Sincerely Norm & Lyla Brocklebank
SPEERS, Howard Our heartfelt thanks go out to all those who have expressed their sympathy since Howard's death, to Rev. Susan Wilson for a beautiful service and the A.C.W. Ladies for the lovely lunch. To the staff on Mulmur-Mono, Dufferin Oaks, Howard's home for the last 5 years - your cheerful care, patience and dedication are amazing! To the great people at the VON Alzheimer Day Programme at the Avalon - belated thanks for your help when we needed it. Brenda Speers and family

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Peel schools—building positive climates for learning

By Janet McDougald
Chair

Peel District School Board

What comes to mind when you think about what makes a school safe?

Security cameras, weapon-sniffing dogs, uniforms, random spot checks, metal detectors?

These seem to be the things we're hearing in the media, but really, none of these strategies alone will improve the safety of staff and students. That comes from building school communities where students feel safe, nurtured, welcomed, respected and included.

In June 2007, the Ontario government passed Bill 212, the Education Amendment Act, (Progressive Discipline and School Safety). On Jan. 22, 2008, the Peel District School Board approved updates to its Safe Schools policy to reflect changes to the Education Act. As a board, we're well-positioned to implement this new legislation, which takes effect Feb. 1, because of our proactive work.

But just because there's a

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new policy in place, this doesn't mean our work in providing safe schools is done. A policy, on its own, does not ensure a safe school. A policy is a broad framework that governs the administration and operation of schools, but it's not magic. We can't simply resolve conflicts with the implementation of a solid policy.

Peel schools are among the safest places in communities, but this doesn't mean that we don't continue to look at how we make them even safer. The spirit of this new legislation promotes the building of positive school climates. As a school system, we have always had a focus on creating and maintaining safe and nurturing school environments, and system-wide supports for at-risk students. What's important is not so much our reactive responses to inappropriate behaviour, but our action to help prevent bad choices before they happen.

We're committed to providing students with the tools they need to constructively and respectfully resolve conflicts. And Peel board staff will continue to help students foster healthy relationships; relationships where individuals value each other's talents, character attributes, ideas and opinions, not only at school, but in the community as well.

Students spend a good portion of their day at school, but they spend even more time at home and in the community. Our control over safety is limited once students leave our schools, yet our commitment remains the same. This is why we consistently work with community partners, including the police and multicultural associations, to ensure that we all have the same goals.

The Peel board also has a number of effective practices

that support safety in every Peel school including:

- up-to-date criminal record checks for all staff and volunteers;
- school codes of conduct that set high standards of behaviour for all members of the school community;
- cameras in all secondary schools;
- locking all exterior doors, except the main entrance, during school hours at elementary schools;
- "buddy systems" where elementary students can only leave the classroom if they are accompanied by another student;
- regular rehearsals of fire drill and lockdown procedures

These practices, though valuable, will not accomplish much in the long-term unless there is a significant change in the way we provide community support for youth. The reality is that we need more stakeholders involved in the lives of children. School is only one place where students interact with others. Communities need to be involved and of course, parents are the key to children's future and ensuring the safety of our students at school, at home and in the community.

As a board, we understand and share the priority of parents in making sure schools are safe places to learn. Our schools are safe not because of a particular piece of equipment or legislation, but because of the tremendous work of our staff and the positive actions of students. We're counting on the support of the entire community to help keep our schools safe. Rest assured that you have our commitment to ensuring positive school climates that support learning and working for all.

For a copy of the Peel board's Safe Schools policy visit www.peelschools.org.

Horticultural society to meet

The Bolton and District Horticulture Society will be holding its first meeting of 2008 Feb. 6 at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, upstairs in Rooms C and D, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The workshop presenter will be Kate Agosta, past president of the Nobleton Horticulture Society. Her presentation, entitled Lawn Begone, will offer viable alternatives to grass.

The costs remain the same: free for members, \$2 for members of other horticulture societies and \$3 for the general public.

Note the changes in day and location for the society's meetings