

Murder investigation brings cops to Acton

The scout building in Acton was searched recently in connection with an investigation by Kawartha Lakes OPP into the murder of an Emily Township woman last month.

OPP's Central Region media relations co-ordinator Sergeant Peter Leon confirmed that the building was searched Thursday (Oct. 3).

"Basically the investigation led the OPP to that location," he says, adding that the search was conducted with the full co-operation of Scouts Canada.

"A lot of work has been done in a short amount of time, but obviously a lot more work has to be done before it goes before the courts."

He adds the search was conducted by OPP officers and the local Emergency Response Team, which are detachment-based specialty units.

"They're specially trained in a number of facets and that includes search for evidence," he says.

Iain Taylor, the husband of murder victim Wendy Taylor, was arrested and charged with first degree murder Sunday (Oct. 6) after his wife's body was discovered at their Valley Road home in Emily Township Sept. 27

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Town says non-resident rate a common practice

Widower upset at extra fee to inter wife's remains

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It was Gloria Marshall's wish to be interred in Greenwood Cemetery where her parents are buried in her hometown of Georgetown.

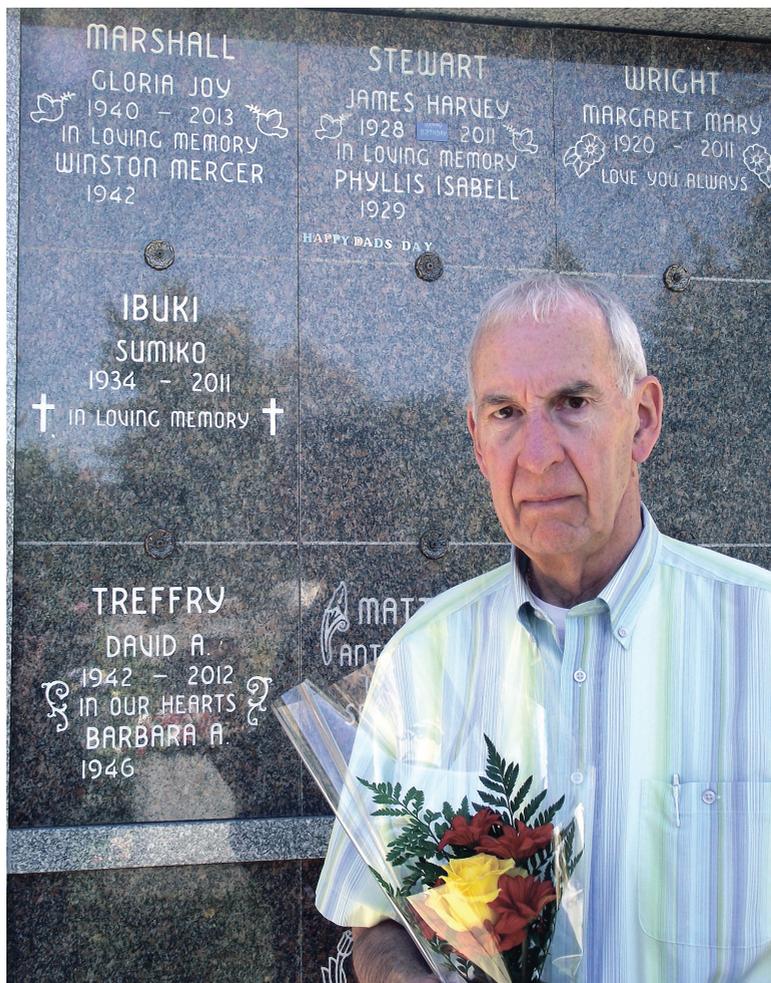
So, after her death earlier this year, her husband Winston contacted the Town of Halton Hills about interment in the cemetery and was told by staff that because the couple didn't live in Halton Hills (they had lived in Victoria, B.C. for the past 14 years) it would cost him 25 per cent more than it would for someone who lives in town.

He voiced his displeasure with the extra charge, but went ahead and purchased a columbarium niche for his wife's cremated remains, which were interred in September.

Town staff told him his complaint about the extra charge would be taken to the Cemetery Committee and if it chose to reduce the rate, he would be reimbursed.

Marshall, who recently moved to Mississauga after the death of his wife in March, said Gloria (nee Bain) was raised here. She was born in Guelph, because there wasn't a hospital in Georgetown at the time. She went to elementary and high school here, was married here and the couple lived in town for four years until they moved to Brantford. In total, he said she lived in Georgetown for about 24 years.

Marshall said Gloria's parents operated a store on Main



Winston Marshall is upset that he was charged 25 per cent more than residents of town would be to have his wife Gloria's cremated remains interred at Greenwood Cemetery because they didn't live in Halton Hills. Georgetown is Gloria's hometown, she was raised here and lived in town for about 24 years before moving away.

Photo by Lisa Tallyn

St. Georgetown for several years and they even have a street named after them—Bain Court.

"It's her hometown. She didn't want to be interred in Victoria because that's not her home. Ontario is her home and Georgetown is her home," said Marshall. "All I'm ask-

ing is please consider Gloria a resident for her final resting place because she wanted to come home."

Marshall said the 25 per cent higher charge amounts to about \$1,250 extra. As a retired pensioner, that cost is significant for him.

"I consider it a slap in the

face really. The family goes back to 1935 (in town)," said Marshall.

Warren Harris, Town of Halton Hills Manager of Parks and Open Space, said the 25 per cent difference in the rate for residents and non-residents has been in place for as long as he's worked at the Town—15 years.

He said some other municipalities also charge non-residents more for burial in their cemeteries.

Harris said Grimsby, Welland and Niagara Falls have a 50 per cent difference in the rates, Timmins 40 per cent, Meaford 30 per cent, and Cambridge 15 per cent.

"If people have moved for reasons of palliative or nursing home care we charge them the resident rate," said Harris.

Also, he said if an out-of-town resident has a relative who lives in town that relative could make the purchase for them at the resident rate.

Harris said the Marshalls moved away 40 years ago and don't have any relatives in town.

"Residents get a 25 per cent discount because they live here and we're here to service those who live here first," said Harris.

He said a couple of weeks ago he took the Marshall complaint to the Cemetery Committee which reaffirmed the staff position for the higher rate for out-of-towners.

Harris told Marshall that he could make a delegation to Town Council about the matter and he plans to do that.

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