

Paul Hill, 54

Lansing Buildall executive supported Dream Home Lottery

Funeral services will be held on Friday for Paul Hill, a director of Lansing Buildall and volunteer with the Oakville Great Dream Home Lottery since its inception.

The funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Parish, 1150 Monk's Passage, followed by interment at Trafalgar Lawn Cemetery.

Hill, 54, died Monday at home following a two-year battle with cancer.

He was baptized at St. Matthew's on Father's Day.

Born Nov. 24, 1946 in Toronto, Hill was raised and educated in the city. After high school, he got a job at Vicwest in Oakville, where he remained for nearly three decades. He

also honed his business skills there, and left the company as vice-president, said his daughter Nicole Hill.

Hill married Sharon Sterling on Oct. 12, 1968 in Toronto.

He joined Lansing Buildall about seven years ago.

Hill was also president of Sterling Industries, having taken that business

over from his grandfather about seven to eight years ago, she continued.

Hill was one of the original volunteers with the Dream Home Lottery, having been its building chair for the six years the lottery has been held.

He was responsible for working with the Dream Home builders, initially Merrick Homes and now Mattamy Homes, and maximizing sponsorships and donations from suppliers.

"He brought in Lansing Buildall as a major sponsor," said Mary Ellen Frederick of the Community Foundation of Oakville, and the Dream Home Lottery's founding project manager.

"He encouraged the building suppliers to donate directly to the homes. We got \$100,000 in donations to the homes, thanks to Paul's leadership," said Frederick.

"This helped us raise over \$3.5 million since the inception of the lottery. Over the years, lottery proceeds have supported the Red Cross, United Way, Ontario Special Olympics, the CFO's Heritage Trails, OTMH Charitable Corporation, Wellspring, and the YMCA capital campaign.

"He was too young to die," she continued. "Paul was a wonderful person, a dedicated volunteer. He put his heart and soul, and energy, into everything he did.

"Paul was a caring individual with a wonderful sense of humour. He was a



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very humble person, who just gave and gave. He always had encouraging words to encourage others – a really positive person."

He is survived by his wife, three children, one grandchild, a brother and sister, his parents and father-in-law, a brother- and sister-in-law, plus nine nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at the Kopriva Taylor Community Funeral Home, 64 Lakeshore Rd. W., on Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Principal followed student's progress

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"Gillian was in my son's class in high school," said Kingsley, who admits to following her career.

"When I found out she qualified as a teacher, I was quite interested in meeting her again."

Now after four years of teaching, Sherratt says she's interested in becoming a school principal, but admits, "I have to get some more experience first."

Speaking at a small retirement function held at the school, Sherratt spoke of Kingsley's qualities as an administrator, noting two in particular, "her calmness and her professionalism."

Kingsley's is heartened by Sherratt's career choice.

"I feel personally rewarded when somebody like Gillian seeks a position in my school. It shows I did have an impact . . ."

"A really big one," said Sherratt.

At the end of this month, Kingsley will retire after 33 years of teaching – 27 of them in Halton, mostly in North Oakville.

She started locally at Munn's, moved to Falgarwood in 1981, then went on to Pineland in Burlington and was appointed vice-principal of Brant Hills in 1989.

Kingsley returned to Oakville in 1991 as vice-principal of Montclair. In 1995, she became principal at Sunningdale School.

Previously, she had taught in South Africa, and also for the Department of National Defense at CFB Rockcliffe in Ottawa after coming to Canada in 1970.

She plans to pursue her passions for gardening and looking for antiques.

"And, I plan to travel extensively."

One of her proudest achievements was her participation in Sunningdale's Dreamacres project, a naturalization of

the school grounds.

"Gardening is certainly a passion of mine. It has certainly made a difference to the students."

Kingsley has been involved with Dreamacres since its beginnings five years ago. To date, the school has a sunflower garden, two reforestation projects, "and we're just finishing the butterfly garden at the back of the school," she said.

"I'm very proud of this project."

However, Kingsley feels its time to leave.

"When your former students come to register their kids at this school, then you know it's time to go," she joked.

But seriously, she concludes: "I'm really going to miss the students. I've had daily interaction with students for 33 years. I'm going to really miss that. I've personally had a very rewarding career."

Meeting's legality called into question

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Mayor Ann Mulvale first attempted to see if audio from the meeting could be piped into the outside atrium to continue the meeting.

"It would take an hour and then there's no guarantee it would work," pronounced Mulvale after a quick investigation.

The mayor said town council couldn't knowingly continue a meeting in contravention of fire and building codes.

Nor could it conduct a legal public meeting under Ontario's Planning Act if anyone was denied their democratic right to attend, hear, see or speak to the issue at hand.

"This has got to be a legal meeting," said a frustrated Mulvale, who tried to calm an irritable crowd.

Some people felt the town should have anticipated the large turnout. Similar meetings last summer drew overflow crowds who spilled out of council chambers and strained to hear from hallways.

However, Mulvale said the Town hasn't had to pipe audio out of council chambers to accommodate a crowd in more than a decade.

"This hasn't happened since the late 1980s when the issue was market value assessment. I know because I was one of the people out in the hallway," said the mayor.

The Town had set aside three meetings this week — Monday, Tuesday and Thursday — to accommodate delegations wishing to speak on the development of lands north of Hwy. 5.

For the next two nights, Mulvale promised there would be audio, hopefully video, and chairs to accommodate an overflow crowd in the town hall atrium.

A third, possibly even more dates, were to be announced last night. The Town's website will be updated regularly.

Cable 10 will carry the debate. Last night's meeting will be broadcast today at 1:30 p.m. for viewing or videotaping.

Cablenet usually only covers Council, not Planning & Development Council meetings, but there was enough public interest to warrant the coverage.

As of Monday, 45 people were formally listed as delegations.

Mulvale expected at least another 45 will step forward as informal delegations when the crowd is polled (as is done during public meetings held under the Planning Act).

On the table is Official Plan Amendment No. 198 — a plan to take urban Oakville north of Hwy. 5.

Planners forecast that by 2016, 215,000 people will reside in Oakville and 96,000 will work here after development occurs on more than 7,500 acres of land previously zoned agricultural.

Oakville will be home to four new communities. Glenorchy, Joshua's Meadows and Sixteen Hollow will be residential/employment while the 407 West will be an employment district between Dundas and Hwy. 407, and Bronte and Tremaine roads.

New development will call for more efficient land use, lower servicing costs and energy conservation via a mix of housing, emphasis on public transit and live/work opportunities.

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