

MILLS, Joe

County's director of education dies

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PICTON — Funeral mass for Prince Edward County Director of Education Joe Mills was to be held today in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lindsay.

Mills died Christmas Eve in Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital here following an 18-month battle with cancer. He had been the county's education director for approximately three years.

Kathy Peever, chairman of the Prince Edward County Board of Education, said today "He contributed so much in the short time he was with us. He had a tremendous background in education and a sense of caring for students and the education system."

She said most members of the board would be travelling to Lindsay today for the service.

Bloomfield-Hallowell trustee Ruth Hart praised Mills for his achievements as director of education and for the courage he showed during his illness. "He was a most capable director of education. He created an operational plan for the county."

"He had been fighting cancer for about one-and-a-half years. He remained active but we could see he was having a struggle but wouldn't give in. He was a fighter."

Mills is survived by his wife, Roseanne and four children, Anqela, Peter, Joanne and Kateri.