

Regional Councillor Yvonne Christie dies

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Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Scugog Township Regional Councillor Yvonne Christie, 62, who passed away early Saturday.

Mrs. Christie, who had suffered a stroke January 10, had been transferred back to Community Memorial Hospital from Oshawa General earlier this month. She was beginning to make progress at the time of her death, but family members were told the recovery process would be a long one.

Following the November election, Mrs. Christie had spent two weeks in hospital undergoing a number of tests. Several minor problems were detected, but nothing considered serious at that time.

Doreen Kendall, who has been close friends with Mrs. Christie for more than 30 years and will give the eulogy at Wednesday's service, spent every day with her friend since her stroke.

"Friday we had a great day together, laughing and talking. She was making such progress," Mrs. Kendall said.

Early Saturday morning she passed away in her sleep, Mrs. Kendall added.

Mrs. Christie came to Scugog in the 1950s and began teaching at both Port Perry High School and Cartwright High School.

"She gave her best as a teacher and expected the same from her students. She lovingly was given the nickname Sarge by her students, many of whom still refer to her as that today," Mrs. Kendall said.

In 1971, Mrs. Christie began her political career when she was elected area

school board trustee, a position she would hold for 10 years.

She served six years as the chairman of the Durham School Board and was very involved in the financing aspect of the schools.

She left politics for a time and returned as the councillor for Ward One. Six years ago she was elected regional councillor and was serving her third term in that seat at the time of her death.

Mayor Howard Hall and Mrs. Christie began serving

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