

Georgetown man killed in car crash in Florida

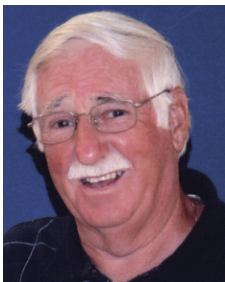
William (Bill) Kent, 78, died on Nov 16 as the result of an automobile accident in Zephyr Hills, Florida.

According to Bay News 9, a Toyota Camry driven westbound on Sideroad 54 in Wesley Chapel by Barbara Janet Charlebois, 38, of Lutz, Florida, veered onto the shoulder and when overcorrecting veered into the eastbound lane, colliding with the Buick Verano being driven by Bridget Kent, 76. Charlebois died at the scene. All three occupants of the Kent car were taken to area hospitals with serious injuries where Bill Kent, later died from his injuries.

Born in Bell Island, Nfld., Kent moved to Georgetown in 1959 where he lived with his wife Bridget and family. A well-liked and respected member of the community, he was an avid sportsman and member of the Knights of Columbus and contributed time to a number of charitable organizations.

He will be greatly missed by his wife Bridget, son Bill (Janine), daughters Dena (Peter) and Pamela (John), grandchildren Lynzie (Andrew), Brittany (Dale), Kendall, Cassy, Johnny, Shawna (Trevor) and Spencer, and great grandchildren Kohen, Broden, Ephrium Edie and Archie.

A funeral mass will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 14400 Argyle Rd, Georgetown today (Thursday, Nov. 26) at 10 a.m. with interment at Holy Redeemer Cemetery.



BILL KENT



As if the traffic tie-ups hadn't already made getting through Acton on Thursday like finding the end of a maze, a broken watermain closed off streets around the Halton Hills Public Library for a couple of hours in the early afternoon.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Region work crews fix watermain break on School Lane

Crews from Halton Region's Public Works Department were dispatched to fix and clean up after a watermain break on School Lane in Acton at around 1 p.m. Thursday.

A large crater closed traffic on the street and the Acton branch of the Halton Hills Public Library closed early at 3 p.m. as regional staff had to shut off the water in the area to repair the main break.

Traffic in the area was already snarled by paving on Mill St. and on a couple of other side streets in the area.

Elementary teachers union, HDSB reach local deal

By Tim Whitnell
Metroland Media Group

Halton District School Board and the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), Halton Teachers Local, have reached a tentative agreement on a local contract.

The deal has to be ratified by local Halton ETFO teacher members and the HDSB.

Terms of the agreement won't be made public until it is ratified. The date of the local

vote is Dec. 1. ETFO Halton represents more than 2,800 Halton elementary teachers.

"We have been without a contract since Aug. 31, 2014.... The agreement was arrived at after 21 days at the bargaining table," Halton Local President Marg Macfarlane said in a press release.

"The new two-tiered bargaining protocol meant we had to follow an exceptionally lengthy process before reaching this local tentative agreement," she said.

"We believe this agreement is fair and meets the needs of our members."

Earlier this month, 86 percent of ETFO teacher and occasional teacher members province-wide, including those in Halton, voted in favour of a separately bargained central deal with the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) and the government.

Provincially, ETFO represents 78,000 elementary public school teachers, occasional teachers and education professionals.

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