

Family, friends shocked by man's brutal murder

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help. And in their 17-year-old son, Matt, she sees her husband's gentle strength.

"I'm amazed at how strong he's been. He loved his father very much and he knows there's not another person in the world that can share his understandings."

The one thing Ms Parrott wanted to give Matt from his father is missing.

"His wedding band is gone," she said. "I wanted to give that to my son. If he was robbed it was a double sin."

Mr. Parrott was a regular customer at the Knight Cap on Main Street and would often stop by for a few beers Thursday and Friday nights after work.

Police believe he used the walking path behind the curling club as a short-cut to his home. He and his wife were recently separated, police said, and he moved out of the Queen Street house they shared.

"I know there are places in Milton where kids hang around," Ms Parrott said. "If Murray happened to be walking by, he would be the one to sit down and talk to them."

While some people are outraged over his death, Mr. Parrott wouldn't want anyone to hold any ill feeling.

"After I found out a young person had been accused, I knew Murray wouldn't want anyone to be mad," Ms Parrott said, adding it was a stab wound to the heart that killed her husband.

"He wouldn't want anyone to hold onto their anger. I can sleep easier if this is the person (who murdered Mr. Parrott) because he can't do this to someone else."

She said family members and friends have showed an out-pouring of support. "It

makes it harder — someone who never hurt someone could be hurt so badly."

Ken Middaugh, who was the best man at Mr. and Ms Parrott's wedding, said his companion was everything a best friend is supposed to be.

"He was supportive, loving and always there when he was needed. He was an excellent golfer, chess and pool player. This was just a tragic event."

A memorial service will be held for Mr. Parrott at the Knight Cap Sunday.

"It will be a snack and wine gathering for his friends and people who knew him," said Kevin Dimock, a manager of the pub. "People can pay their respects."

Mr. Dimock said Mr. Parrott was well respected at the bar. "He would have given you the shirt off his back. This has been a shock to all of us."

Sgt. Val Hay of Halton Regional Police said investigators were able to make a quick arrest because of the amount of information received.

She said an "object" believed to be the murder weapon was recovered by police.

"We have no information indicating the victim and the accused knew each other," she said, adding a motive has yet to be determined and the case is still under investigation. "We know they were in the same bar but didn't sit or socialize with each other and there isn't anything indicating an altercation inside or outside of the bar."

Sgt. Hay said police are still investigating the motive for the crime.

Mr. Parrott's funeral was held Wednesday at Boston Presbyterian Church on Third Line.

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