

Dr. Dumencu laid to rest

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It was standing room only amidst a sea of black suits and solemn faces Friday morning at Holy Rosary Catholic Church as friends and family gathered to lay to rest Dr. David Dumencu.

They were mourners of all generations, from all walks of life.

There were young boys, many knowing Dr. Dumencu, 42, as their hockey coach. There were men and women, Kleenex in hand, who were friends or patients of the soft-spoken dentist. And there were seniors, no doubt wondering at the sad turn of events.

The large sprays of colourful flowers at the front of the church were just one of the tangible ways love for Dr. Dumencu was expressed.

With people seated shoulder to shoulder, the large turnout was more than enough proof of the respect held for Dr. Dumencu, whose life was cut tragically short when he was fatally wounded at an Orillia-area tavern July 16 during a golfing excursion.

Following the casket to the front of the church was Dr. Dumencu's

wife of 14 years, Susan, wearing black sunglasses, and their three sons, Scott, Benjamin and Wesley.

In lieu of traditional organ music, sweet strains of an acoustic guitar played 'Morning Has Broken'.

Following a scripture reading, the priest painted a verbal picture of Dr. Dumencu. He spoke of his knack for story-telling, and how children looked forward to visits to the dentist. And he addressed the world's seeming injustice.

"What sometimes seems so unfair here and now, when we look at the broader picture of eternity doesn't seem so unfair."

Addressing the three boys, the priest said he hoped their dad's gentle presence would continue to be with them.

At a reception held at the church, a line was formed and friends and family awaited their turn at the microphone to share their stories and memories of 'Dr. Dave'.

Dr. Dave Johnson, a dentist who worked alongside Dr. Dumencu at Southview Dental Clinic for the past 10 years, spoke of the way Dr. Dumencu would go out of his way to show kindness to others, be they strangers or close family members.

"He really enjoyed helping people," Dr. Johnson said.

He spoke of Dr. Dumencu's life philosophy and favourite quote — "go big or go home" — and gave examples of how he applied that to every area of his life.

He lived big, Dr. Johnson said.

For the next half hour, the room was filled with both chuckles and sniffles as Dr. Dumencu was remembered. The dentist, who had grown up in the coal-mining town of Creighton, Ont., was completely devoted to his wife and sons, friends said.

He was a man who loved his sports, be it golfing, badminton, baseball, hockey, snowboarding or mountain biking. He was a man whose warm eyes and soft voice could make even a stranger feel like a friend.

Even his final act on earth — donating his organs — was a demonstration of his desire to enrich others' lives, another friend pointed out. "Somewhere out there there's an individual with an extra large heart."

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"I wouldn't say emergency services were called immediately. There was a bit of a time delay," Det. Sgt. McCrickard said.

He wouldn't say how much time passed after Dr.

Dumencu was struck unconscious before an employee discovered him lying on the ground and called 911.

Adam Holland, 21, was held for a bail hearing in Barrie yesterday.

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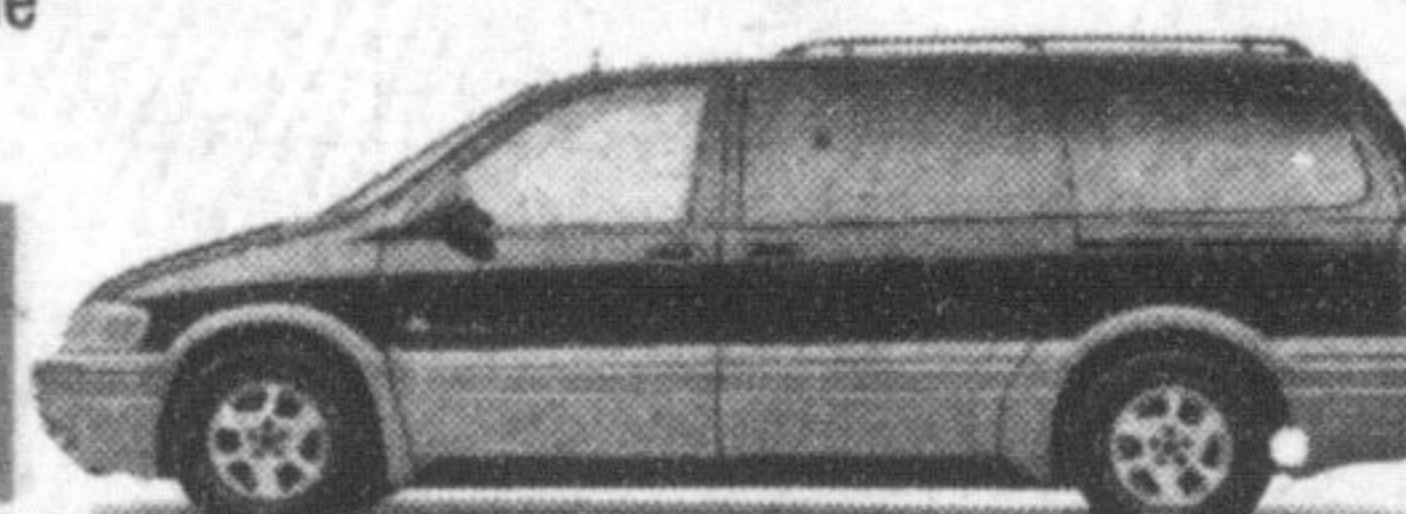
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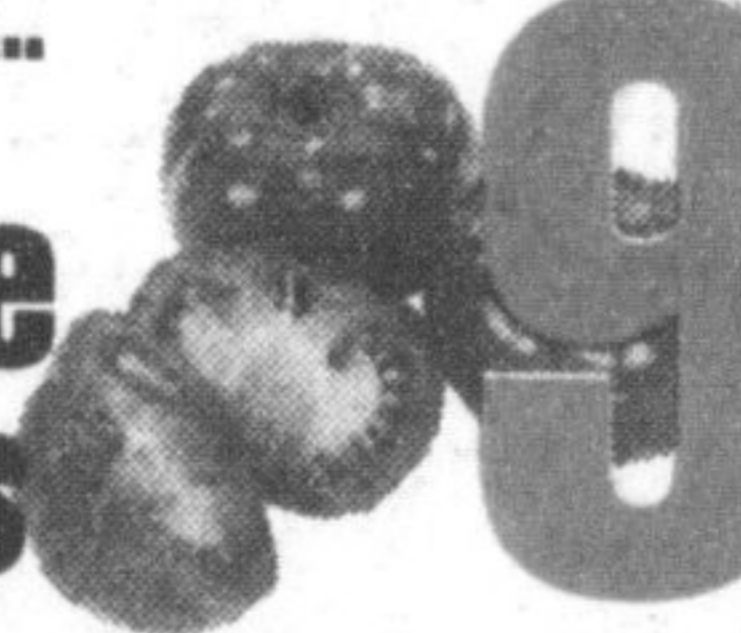


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