

Late Donald Sim, Q.C.

Church filled for service

By EDWARD CASSAVOY

MARKHAM — A memorial service for Donald Sim, respected lawyer and longtime resident of Markham, was held at Markham Baptist Church, Thursday afternoon. The spoken word reflected on the private, public and business life of this outstanding Markham citizen.

Mr Sim died suddenly at his home on Church Street, Jan. 12. He was 58.

As many smiles of remembrance as tears of remorse could be seen on the faces of friends, relatives and colleagues who filled the sanctuary.

Pastor Douglas Sherwood reminded the congregation that the service was arranged by members of the Sim family, not as a time of mourning but a "celebration of hope."

"He was a giant in the legal profession, a private and public man with a noble and generous style," remembered Justice Hugh Gibson.

Justice Gibson presented a distinguished list of professional milestones in Mr Sim's business career.

After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in 1949 from Queen's University, Kingston and attending Osgoode Hall, Mr. Sim was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1953 and was appointed a Queen's Council in 1964.

Mr Sim also had served as a lecturer at Osgoode Hall Law School.

Don Sim was active in the community, a member of Markham Baptist Church for 30 years and a deacon in the congregation.

He headed the legal and patent firms of Sim Hughes and Sim McBurney of Toronto.

"His work as an industrial properties and patent lawyer made him one of the most respected in his field in the world," Mr Gibson said.

Always a Gentleman

"But most of all, he will be remembered as a gentleman." Rodger T. Hughes, a business colleague, preferred to remember the humorous side of Mr Sim's interactions with people.

"I think he was the greatest industrial properties lawyer in Canada," Hughes said, "and I can only remember one time when he lost a case because of himself."

"That was when he had to prove the strength of a certain company's door jam in court and did this by standing on it. He lost."

Members of Mr Sim's family smiled when Mr Hughes mentioned that, "Don was a sportsman of sorts—a member of the Hidden Valley Snowfence Removal team."

But Mr Hughes said Don Sim touched most people's lives by his ability to make everyone feel like a special friend and by always taking the time to listen.

Hughes ended his reminiscences by telling how one incident at the office reflected Mr Sim's view of life and friends.

"He asked me, after one time we were talking, to leave the door open when I left, because, he said, someone nice might come by and say something pleasant to him."



White Cane Week proclaimed

Feb. 2-8 will mark the 40th anniversary of White Cane Week in Canada. Here Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury presents a copy of the Town's official White Cane proclamation to Randy Firth, representing the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Randy's accompanied by 'Freddie', his seeing-eye dog. Cliff Aiken attended Tuesday's Council meeting as the local C.N.I.B. representative.

--Chris Shanahan

Claremont Lioness Club expresses appreciation

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for again judging our Christmas Decoration Contest in Claremont. We appreciate the time and effort you

put into this, also the coverage provided in The Tribune.

Sincerely,
Claremont Lioness Club

Neighborly Notes

By JIM THOMAS

A surprise

The attendant at Post's Sunoco, Main Street West, Stouffville, watched as a huge White Freightliner, loaded with fuel, pulled into the station Wednesday night. His interest turned to surprise when down from the cab climbed a lovely young lady. Which only goes to prove 'anything a man can do, a woman can do-as well!'

Free-wheeling

Alex Davidson, R.R. 1, Stouffville, attended the annual meeting of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society, Jan. 15. Back in 1946, Alex rode his bicycle from Agincourt to Markham to attend a similar meeting. That was 40 years ago and there was no snow.

Like old times

Good to see Tom Miller in The Regal Restaurant, last week. Remember Tom? He played ball with The Maples of Uxbridge, in the old Claremont Community League, also with Brougham and the Stouffville Red Sox with Stoney Jackson, Roger Todd and company. Tom now lives in Scarborough.

My mistake

Last week, The Tribune published a picture of the teacher and students at Melville Public School, S.S. No. 13, Markham. The year was 1930-31. I made a mistake on two of the names. They should have read Edna and Doug Kinch rather than Edna and Doug Klinck. My apologies.

Lasting signs

Ron Dancey, unsuccessful mayoralty candidate in the Town of Markham, has signs of longest standing anywhere in the municipality. They're even more permanent than some politicians.

Kind offer

Bev. Tustin of Glasgow recently experienced the trauma of a fire-ravaged home. On Saturday evening, she and her family were boxing up clothing and other items to give to the victims of a serious blaze at Goodwood. "Their need is greater than ours," Bev said. Right now she's probably right.

My choice

My choice for "Window of the Week" goes to Stouffville Florist Inc., 6 Main Street West. It's beautiful, enough to prompt all husbands to 'say it with flowers' on Valentine's Day.

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