

Bill Hood a humble man who reached out to others

Lemonville resident William (Bill) Hood, 78, was a loving family man who was deeply committed to helping others and supporting his community.

Mr. Hood, who died of a heart attack on Oct. 22, was a seventh generation Canadian whose family's roots were in farming. He was born and raised in Buttonville and moved to Whitchurch-Stouffville in 1989.

He was a founding member of the Markham Stouffville Hospital board and later of the hospital's Foundation board, with more than 25 years of total service.

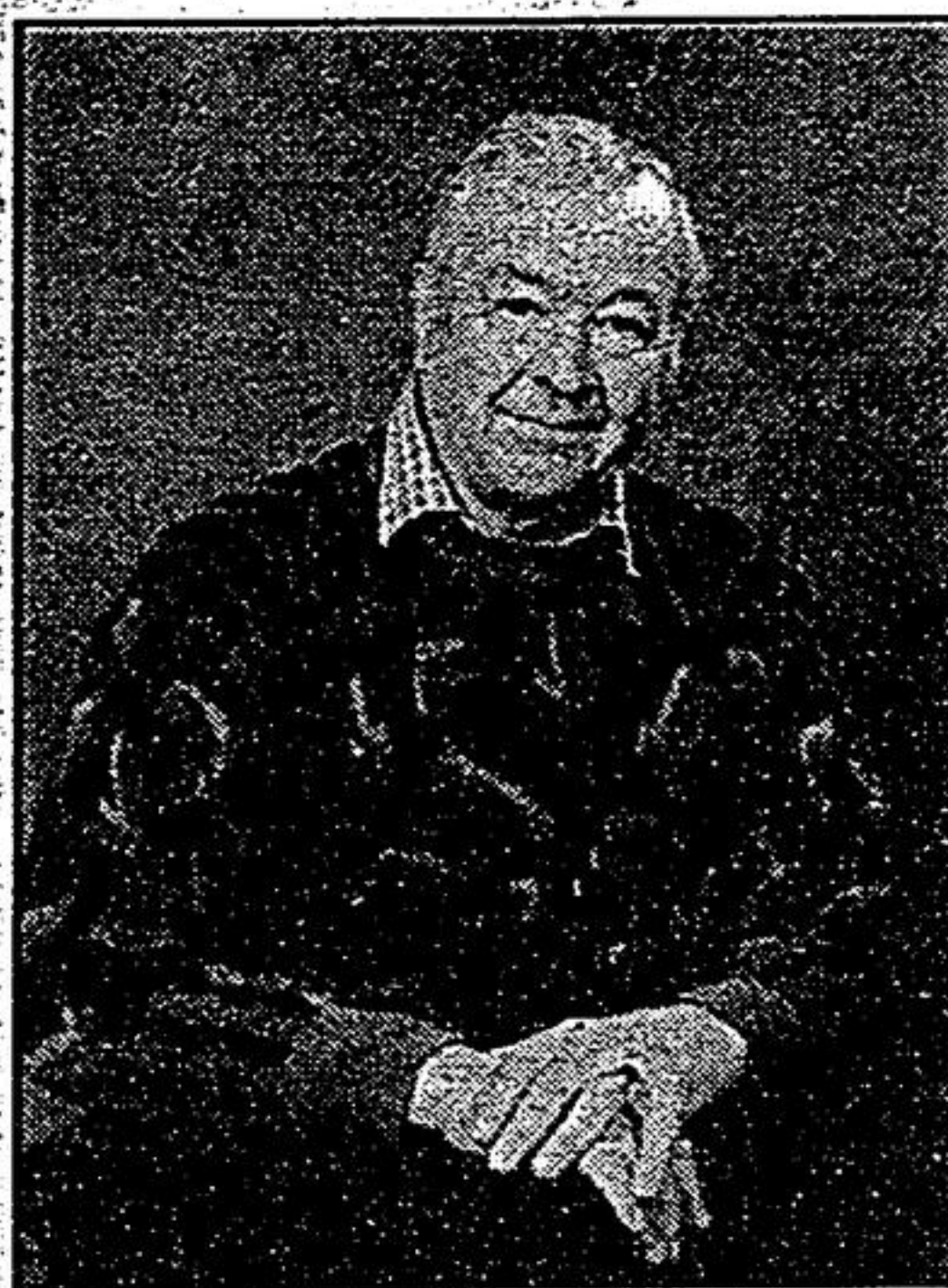
"He has been involved in everything that's gone on here,"

said Foundation president Gina Rosen.

"He was totally involved and helped in every way he could. He's been a wonderful person to work with and will be very much missed."

Mr. Hood was a volunteer with the Strawberry Festival and his tractor and wagon were familiar sights at both the Stouffville and Markham Santa Claus parades.

"He was instru-



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mental in the founding of the Markham Museum and spent numerous years there in conjunction with John Lunau," said his son, Greg. "He was an extremely humble man who reached out to other people."

A quiet, but dedicated, philanthropist, he organized much of his volunteer work in 'coffee clubs' in Markham, Unionville and Stouffville.

Mr. Hood leaves his wife, Mollie Secrett, his children Jim, Robin, Greg, Brian and Christopher, and grandchildren Kimberly, Shawn, Tara and Ryan.

Friends will be received at the family home, 12668 McCowan Rd., today and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

The funeral service will be held at Brown's Corners United Church, Hwy 7, west of Woodbine Ave., on Monday at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation, 381 Church St., P.O. Box 1800, Markham L3P 7P3.

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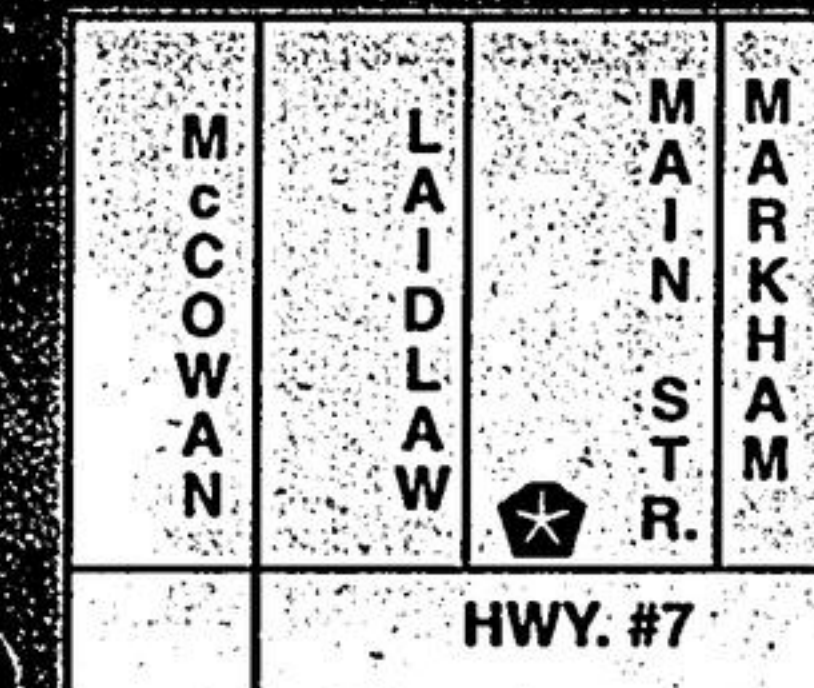
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