

OBITUARY: York Region Constable respected by young and old alike

Wayne Snooks a dedicated officer

Wayne Snooks, who died Tuesday after a battle with cancer, was a dedicated police officer whose commitment to the community won him respect and affection from young and old alike.

To the many students and parents he met through his work, he was the human face of the law, a caring family man with a unique ability to transcend negative attitudes and establish genuine rapport.

His skills as a communicator were evident in his work at local public schools, both at the primary level and in the Values, Influences and Peers (V.I.P.) program, which was designed to make junior students aware of the dangers of drug abuse.

Mr. Snooks began his career as a police officer in Toronto in 1974. In 1981, he and his family moved to York Region and he joined the regional force, later moving into the Community Services Division — a job he loved — for six years.

He became Crime Stoppers coordinator two years ago and continued working in that capacity until he was admitted to Markham Stouffville Hospital in June.

He first experienced health problems in the summer of 1996, but it wasn't until January 1997 that cancer was diagnosed.

This spring, with the illness in remission, he cheerfully volunteered to have his head shaved at Stouffville's Orchard Park Public School, as part of a police fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Mr. Snooks and his wife, Sue, agreed to tell their children about his illness right from the start.

"We felt it was important we should all support each other," said Mrs. Snooks, recalling her husband's words at the time.

"He said, 'Nobody is promised tomorrow. I may die of cancer or I may get killed in the line of duty or I may have an accident.'"

He told his family that the difference in his case was that he was aware he had a serious illness.

His attitude was that everybody gets the time they are supposed to get, Mrs. Snooks said.

Those sentiments were typical of this self-effacing man, who faced his mortality with remarkable courage and faith.

Mr. Snooks was a regular guy, a

proud father and a loving husband; but he was also a local hero, whose care and concern for others will be long remembered by his family, his colleagues and his community.

He leaves his wife, Sue, and children Christopher, Leslie, Todd, Brian, Elisabeth and Daniel.

A service will be held at Dixon-Garland Funeral Home, 166 Main St. North, Markham, at 11 a.m. Friday.



Wayne Snooks lets students feel his head after having it shaved to support cancer research. Mr. Snooks lost his battle with cancer Tuesday.

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