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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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## Toronto firefighters asked to quit here

*Union doesn't want full-timers volunteering*

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Writer

Some of Whitchurch-Stouffville's firefighters have been asked to resign by their union over the issue of full-time Toronto firefighters volunteering elsewhere.

So far, two have answered the call.

The president of the union representing Toronto firefighters has asked seven local volunteers to quit, suggesting their continued service in Whitchurch-Stouffville will have a "negative impact" on other full-time firefighters in York Region.

The seven are full-timers in the Toronto department. Firefighters who do full-time and volunteer work are generally called "double-hatters."

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson, Chief Executive Officer-Treasurer Nick Kristoffy and Deputy Fire Chief Tim Beckett are keeping an eye on developments.

Meanwhile, John Winters, president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville local of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), is tight-lipped about the situation.

"I'm not asking anyone to resign," said Mr. Winters. "I don't know how I feel about this. I have no power to ask anyone to resign."

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## STABBING VICTIM JESSE GRAY BURIED IN LAKE-AREA CEMETERY

# Bikers, brother say bye

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Writer

And a brother cried. Moments after Bobby Gray of Musselman's Lake gave into his grief over the tragic death of his big brother, there wasn't a dry eye in the chapel Wednesday.

Saying good-bye to Jesse Owen Gray wasn't easy. His family and friends didn't want to let go.

The 24-year-old was stabbed to death early Saturday morning while attending a field party in Uxbridge. A 19-year-old Blackstock man has been charged with second-degree murder.

How Mr. Gray died gave way to how he lived when 450 people gathered to celebrate his life. The word murder was not spoken in at Dixon-Garland Funeral Home in

Markham.

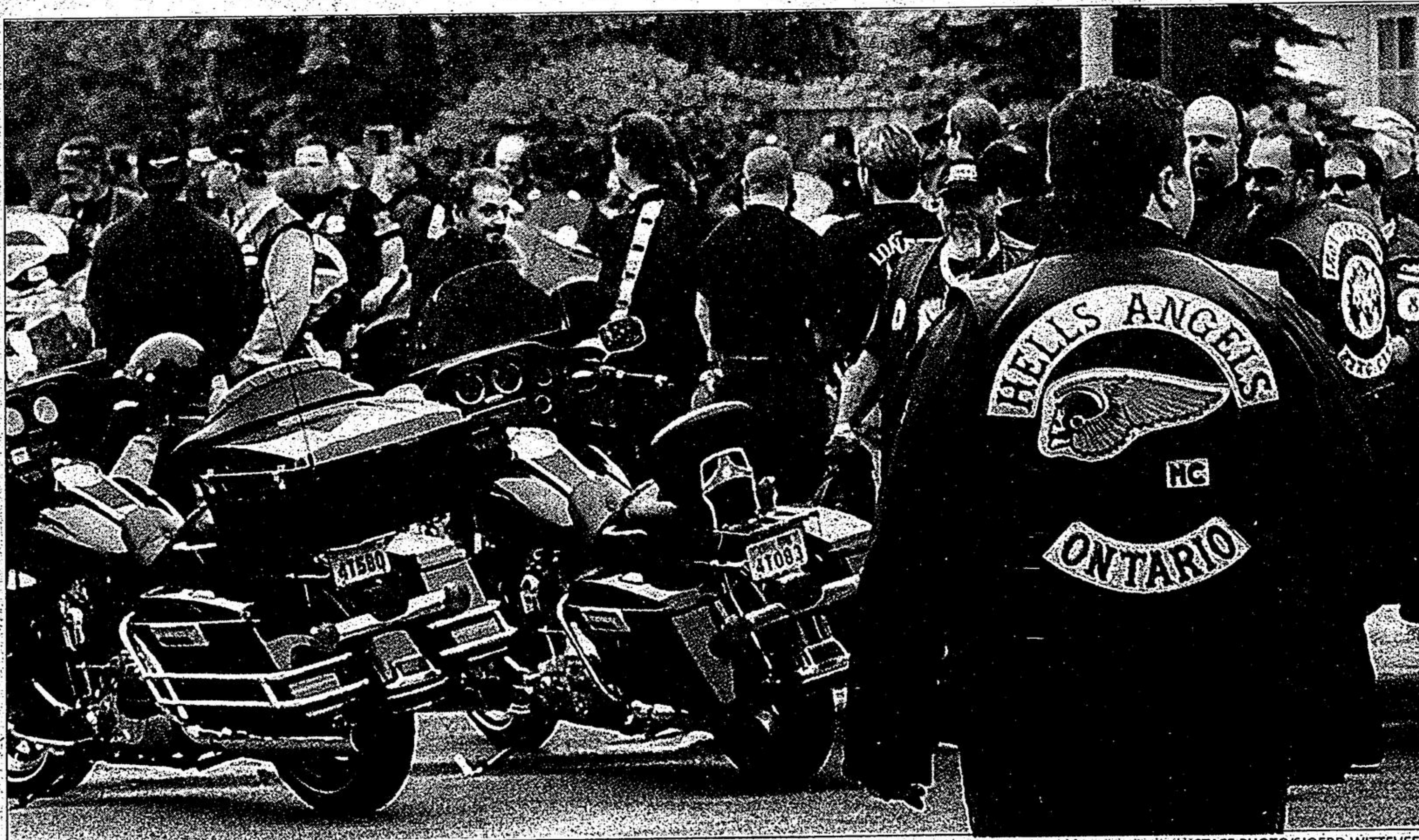
About 200 packed the chapel, while the rest, members of motorcycle gangs the Hells Angels, the VagaBonds and the Loners held a quiet vigil outside. Conspicuous by their absence were the police.

The bikers, dressed in full colours and with big clean and newly polished bikes, escorted the funeral procession along Hwy. 48

through Markham and into Whitchurch-Stouffville to Ballantrae where Mr. Gray was laid to rest at the Churchill Community Church Cemetery just north of his home at Musselman's Lake.

The bikers came to support Mr. Gray's father John who is reputedly president of the Hells Angels Woodbridge branch.

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STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

## ESCORT FOR JESSE

A full complement of bike club members turned out at Dixon-Garland Funeral Home on Markham Main Street on Wednesday afternoon at the funeral of Jesse Owen Gray of Musselman's Lake. Mr. Gray was stabbed at a field party last weekend in Uxbridge Township.

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