

No answers in death, 12 months later

*Nothing in autopsy
to explain truck crash,
Stouffville family says*

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Dino Raponi's family is still struggling to come to terms with the Stouffville man's death one year later.

A year ago this Sunday, his truck collided with a hydro pole in south Uxbridge, east of Goodwood.

"It's harder now than it is in the beginning," his mother, Onesima, said. "It's very hard to just pick up and go."

Mr. Raponi died on the way home from a get-together for a friend in Brooklin.

A graduate of York University, he grew up in Unionville and attended Brother Andre Catholic High School. He was 29.

Mr. Raponi's death has brought his family closer together, his mom said, but added she is frustrated that she doesn't know exactly what happened.

She has seen the autopsy report and says he wasn't drunk and had no medical complications.

"You want to know why," Ms Raponi said. "It hasn't only affected us but his friends too because they don't have Dino anymore."

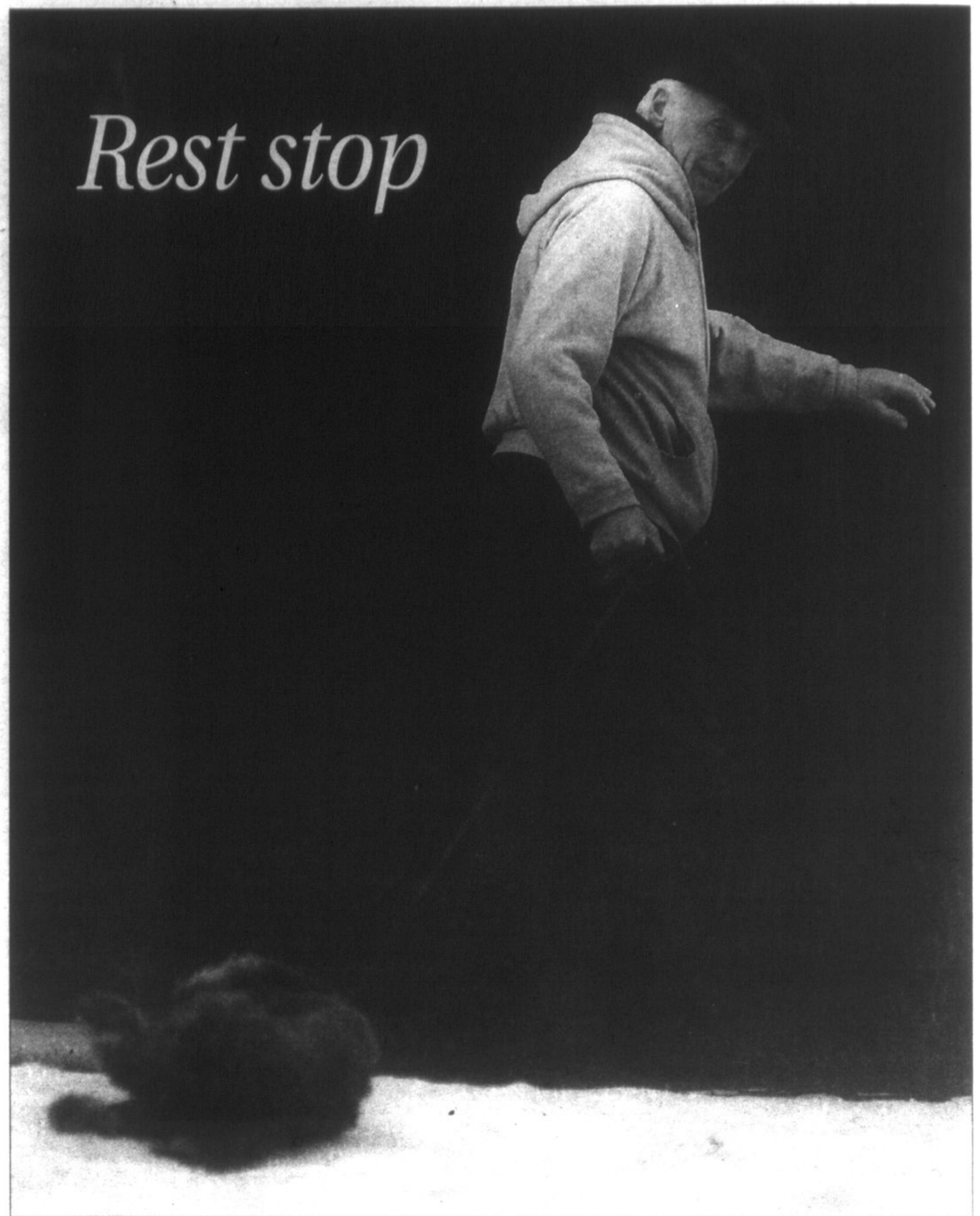


DINO RAPONI: Memorial mass for Stouffville man will be held Saturday at St. Mark's Catholic Church.

A sports enthusiast who was to take over the family business, Strap Drywall, and an avid guitar player who loved rock music, Mr. Raponi's "kingdom" was the basement of the family's home in Stouffville.

"I miss that music," Ms Raponi said, adding she remembers her son as "wanting the best for everybody."

A memorial mass for Dino Raponi will be held this Saturday at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 345 Glad Park Ave. at noon. The mass is open to the general public.



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Jack Verhoog wants to keep going on the dog walk circuit in Stouffville, but his dog T.K. (The King) would rather spent some more time cooling off in the snowbank.



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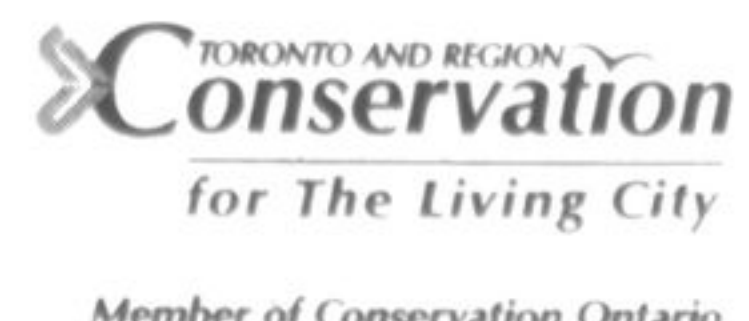
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