

'Family will live up to' victim's example

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where he played hockey and baseball.

In 2002, Mr. Farrell, along with his wife, Lori, whom he married in 1993, and their two daughters, Abby and Jenna, now 12, moved to Stouffville. The family home is on Willoway Court.

But Mr. Farrell remained a constant presence in Richmond Hill, not only because of his family and myriad of life-long friends, but because he was also a referee in the town's men's hockey leagues. He also refereed in Thornhill, Whitchurch-Stouffville and west Mississauga.

Once hockey was done, Mr. Farrell would be found on the ball

diamond in Stouffville, where he played for a local slo-pitch team.

"He was an avid athlete," Mr. McLean said. "He was a very strong competitor and strong team player."

That competitiveness has been passed on to his two daughters who dance for Elite Danceworx in Markham. Earlier this year, Jenna was the fourth runner up, junior division, at the Dance Masters of America Chapter 38 Titled Soloist Pageant.

The family was also very involved at St. Brigid Catholic School in Stouffville.

Mr. Farrell was a tradesman in the Sheet Metal Workers' and Roofers Local Union 30 and worked at Tam Kel Sheet Metal in Gormley.

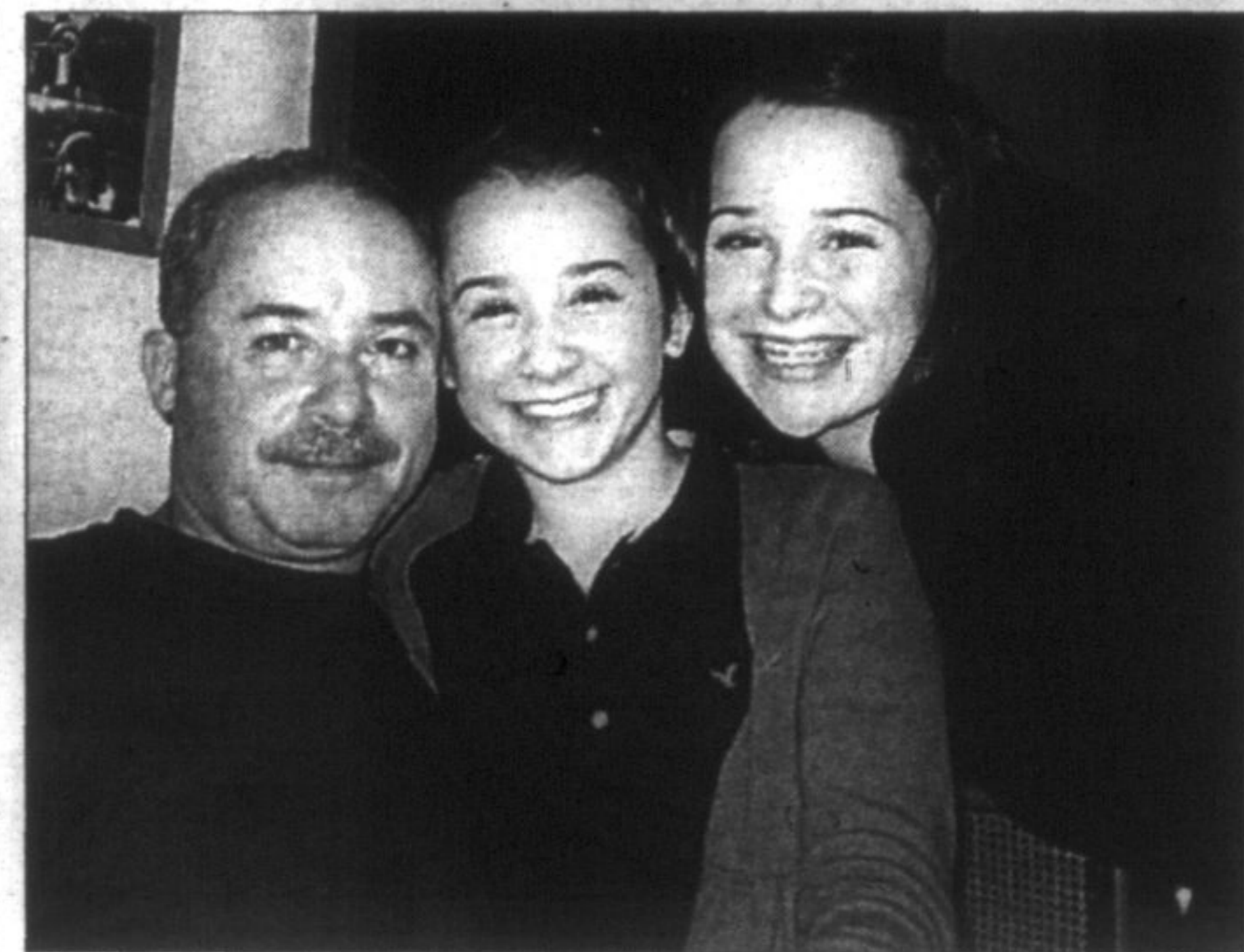
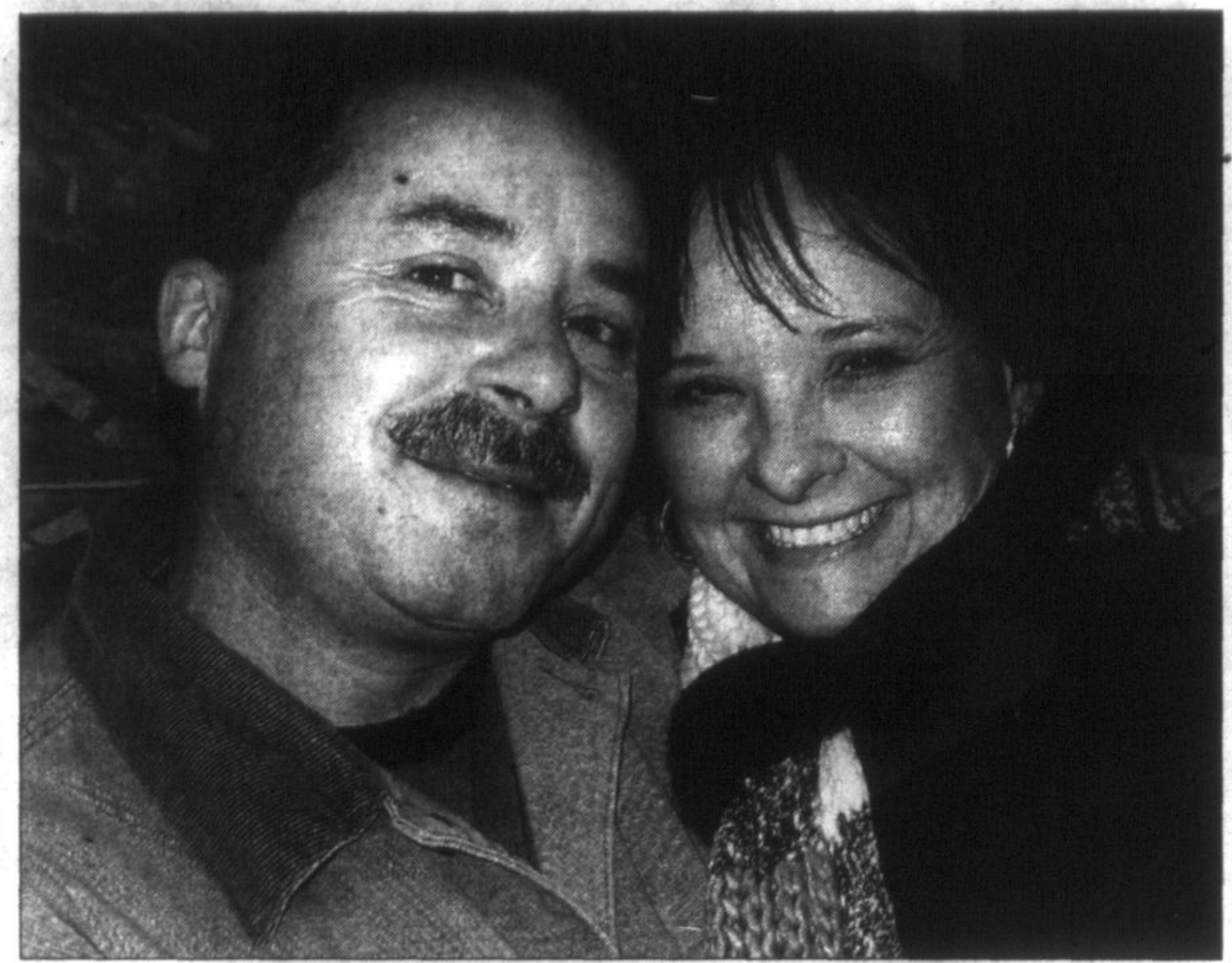
"He was regarded as one of the

hardest working (union) members," Mr. McLean said.

Mr. Farrell leaves behind his wife, Lori, daughters Abby and Jenna, brother Stephen, sister-in-law Marie and brother-in-law Bill, as well as many nieces and nephews. "There is an exceptionally strong network of family and friends, which is a testament to who he is," Mr. McLean said. "The family is going to live up to the very example he set."

Mr. Farrell's funeral mass will be held this morning at Our Lady of the World Church in Richmond Hill. Internment will be in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Thornhill.

Donations to the Children's Wish Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



JP Farrell (top photo) with his wife, Lori, and (left) with their daughters, Jenna and Abby. Mr. Farrell died in a boating accident near Gravenhurst during the long weekend.

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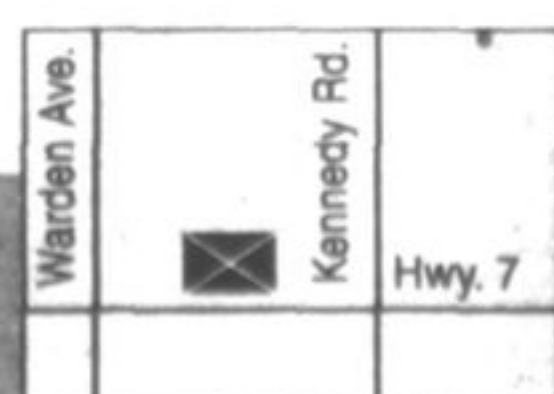
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