Funeral today for St. Bishoy priest

A Stouffville church is mourning the death of its priest.

Rev. Father Tadros Tadros of St. Bishoy Church died suddenly Sunday. He was 79.

"It's very, very sad here," said Mark Nakhla, a board member at the Coptic church. "He was a great person who worked very hard for his congregation. Even in hospital, people were coming to see him but he was more concerned about their health, asking how they were."

Through Saturday, Father Tadros had been busy working on Holy Week plans for later this month. Cause of

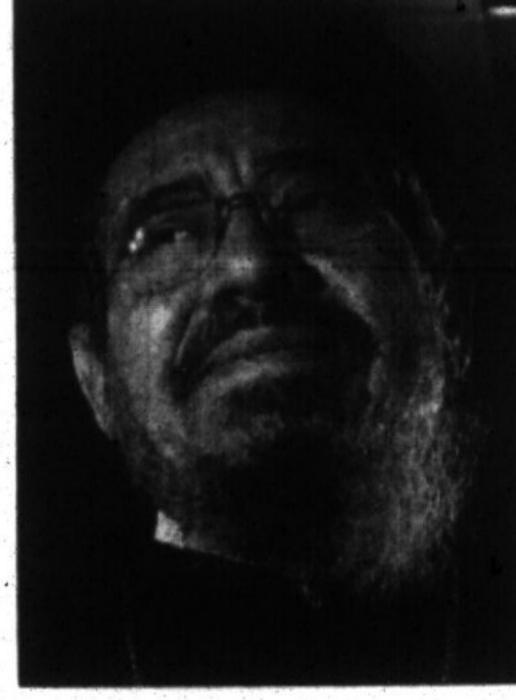
death was listed as heart failure, Mr. Nakhla said.

Born in Sudan, Father Tadros was an engineer in Kuwait before moving with his wife to Egypt in 1984,

They both graduated from Christian Theological University in 1994. He was ordained as a priest and the family moved to Canada, where he served in several Coptic churches before coming to Stouffville to help establish St. Bishoy's, in the former Stouffville Missionary Church building, in 2003.

Funeral prayers take place today from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the church, 6500 Main St.

- Jim Mason



TADROS TADROS: Native of Sudan moved to Stouffville in 2003 to establish Coptic Church on Main St.

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