

In Memory of Royce (Rip) Mills

It is with extreme sadness that we are informing you of the passing of Royce (Rip) Mills on April 29, 2015 at the age of 59. After a one-year battle with Lymphoma, Rip died at home, surrounded by the loving support of his family. His wife, Carol, and their children wish to thank everyone for their kindness and support during this time.

Rip retired after 35 years service with the RCMP. He served with distinction, receiving the RCMP long-service medal and the Bronze, Silver and Gold clasps. He was also the recipient of both the Silver and Gold Queens Jubilee medals from the Canadian Police Association, of which he sat on the Board of Directors.

The founder and driving force of MPAO in Ontario, Rip also served as President and Vice President. The flag at the OPP Association head office will fly at half mast in his honour until May 8th. Rip's visionary leadership spearheaded our own journey in achieving the right to collective bargaining, which will improve the lives of working Mounties for generations to come.

Rip had the privilege of protecting numerous Prime Ministers and Premiers, HRH Queen Elizabeth, other members of the Royal Family and celebrities. He was honoured to receive blessings from two Popes.

Loving sports, Rip played football and hockey in high school and at the University of Windsor. He loved the Detroit Tigers, Red Wings and Lions. He continued to play hockey in the 911 League until his knees gave out. He also enjoyed playing slo pitch in the Guelph Old Stars League, although perhaps he enjoyed the beer, wings and friendship at Ample Annies more!

Rip was inspirational and exemplary in his dedication to members of the RCMP and has our abiding respect for his lifetime of public service. We will greatly miss him!

Funeral details are as follows:

Visitation

Where: GILCHRIST CHAPEL

McIntyre & Wilkie Funeral Home

One Delhi Street

Guelph, Ontario

When: Friday, May 8, 2015, 2:00-4:00 pm and 7:00-9:00 pm

Saturday, May 9, 2015, 2:00-4:00 pm

Funeral

Where: GILCHRIST CHAPEL
One Delhi Street
Guelph, Ontario

When: Monday, May 11, 2015
1300 hours

Father Thomas Vaughan officiating
Cremation to follow

Flower Arrangements

Robinson Flowers
93 Wyndham Street North
Guelph, Ontario

Memorial Contributions

Wounded Warriors Canada
Canadian Peace Officers Memorial Association, or
Grand River Cancer Centre
(details available at the funeral home)

You are invited to leave your memories and donations online at: www.gilchristchapel.com