

pressive Funeral Rites r Welland Police Chief

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was attended by an imposing number of representatives of police from every level throughout the district and province, municipal and provincial legislators, representatives of city council and city hall officials, representatives of industry and many friends who held the deceased in the highest regard.

St. Matthews Lutheran Church and its adjoining fellowship hall were filled, with those in the latter section hearing the service through a loud speaker system.

Rev. Harold Lindman conducted the service during which it was noted that "the life of Donald M. McArter was rich in faith and good works." His "dedication and leadership as a public official" was cited as was "the esteem of his friends and the community for his good works."

Chief McArter was taken ill in his office last Friday and rushed to Welland County General Hospital. He was transferred to Toronto General Hospital where he died on Tuesday in his 52nd year. He had served as chief of the city force since 1956 and guided its growth from a 22-man operation to the present 55-man contingent.

The public service at St. Matthews was preceded by a short prayer service for the family at the H. L. Cudney Funeral Chapel, 241 West Main Street. During the service, organist Walter Thornton and the senior choir of

St. Matthews led the congregation in the singing of three hymns, "O Lord of Life", "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" and "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

The casket was borne to the church through lines formed the funeral chapel of honorary pallbearers who included: Welland Police Commissioners: chairman, Mayor Allan Pietz, Judge Harold E. Fuller, Provincial Judge Joseph A. M. Gardner and secretary Douglas Watt, Deputy Chief of Police Fred J. Wilson and Inspector C. William Wright, both of the Welland Force, Chief A. Shennan of St. Catharines, Chief R. Pope of Pelham, Chief I. Wilson and Deputy Chief D. Harris of Niagara Falls, Chief W. Derbyshire of Niagara Parks Police, Chief T. Matthews of Fort Erie, Chief Howard Johnson of Bertie Township, Chief L. Baker of Port Colborne, Chief C. Filson, of Wainfleet, Chief L. Hockley of Humberstone and Chief Clarence M. Kunkle of Galt.

When the funeral cortege arrived at the church, more than 200 area police officers and representatives formed a guard of honor along with the Welland City Police in charge of Sgt. Harry Moore.

The casketbearers, all members of the Welland Police Force included: Detective A. Nelson, Sgt. C. Misener, P. C. F. Stanley, PC K. Williams, Sgt. W. Stevenson and PC A. Herman.

The casket was carried through an honor guard at the church following the service as well as at the graveside. More than 100 cars formed a cortege to Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery where Rev. Lindeman conducted the committal service and final prayers.

On Thursday night, at the funeral chapel, two well-attended memorial services were held in memory of Chief McArter. The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 4, of Welland, were joined by branch 230 of Bertie for their service in charge of president Harry Moore and deputy district commander, George Hughson.

The Dominion Lodge, No. 615, AF and AM, Ridgeway, together with Cope-Stone Lodge, No. 373 and Merritt Lodge, No. 168, both of Welland, held a masonic service in charge of W. M. John Plyley, W. Bro. Phillip Cooper and V. W. Bro. George Lewis.

Sitting in a body at the church were Welland city councillors, city hall officials, executive of the Greater Welland Chamber of Commerce and grade 11K students of Welland Centennial School with K. Moorehouse and principal, Joseph Krar.

Also present were representatives of the Canadian and Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Welland County Chiefs Association, the Welland County Jail staff, the county probation office and provincial court, crown attorney's office, Welland county council, the council of the township of Bertie, Welland firemen and Bank of Nova Scotia staff;

Clarence M. Kunkle of Galt, chairman of Zone 5, Ontario Chief Constables Association; William J. Shrubbs, Peterborough Police chief, first vice-president of the Ontario Chief of Police Association; Leonard Lawrence, Hamilton Police Chief, immediate past president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; Fred Davies, and Walter Lee, both of Toronto, representing the Ontario Police Commission; Fred Oliver, Oakville Police Chief and Findlay Carroll, London Police Chief; Inspector H. G. Wilkins of Burlington, representing the OPP, all OPP detachments in No. Four district as well as representatives from Niagara Falls, N.Y., city police, and the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, the RCMP repre-

sented by Staff Sgt. Richard Muir of Niagara Falls detachment and Sgt. Robert Nicholls of the Fort Erie detachment. There was large representation of the investigative branches of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Penn-Central Railway and the Canadian National Railway.

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