

mony — a living symbol and gesture by Michelle's friends — coincided with the annual National Police Memorial weekend in honour of their colleagues killed in the line of duty, which is attended by police forces from all parts of Canada and the United States. Cst. Desjardins was known to officers from Eastern Canada, New York, Cleveland and Chicago and many of them were in attendance. The ceremony commenced at 11:00 in the morning, on the lawn west of the Canadian Police College's "A" Block, followed by a reception held in the student lounge. A 14-foot-high oak (a gift from the Cleveland Police Association in Ohio) with an engraved plaque at its base will be a reminder about Michelle's commitment to police work, to perpetuate the memory of this investigator who demonstrated great professionalism, unsurmountable tenacity and perseverance in the face of what most people would consider unsur-

mountable obstacles, particularly in a complicated case involving international drug trafficking. Her investigation resulted in the arrest of 17 individuals, including key mob figures.

Another ceremony had previously been held in Montréal, where the OIC Criminal Operations, C/Supt. R. Sugrue, had unveiled a commemorative photograph of Cst. Desjardins which now occupies a place of honour in the conference hall.

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*(Errors in Cst. Desjardins' Obituary featured in the Spring 1997 issue of the "Quarterly" should have read : Née Desjardins; died in Rockland, Ontario. We apologize to the family of Cst. Desjardins for any embarrassment these errors may have caused. — Editor)*



Various police officers from across Canada attended the ceremony.



(Photo 1, L-R): Cst. Gaëtan Chouinard (Michelle's husband), Michelle's parents, Roland and Bertha Desjardins, Sgt. Gaëtan Delisle, RCMP Montréal. (Photo 2): With Michelle's Top Cop Award on table, Sgt. Brad Hampson (OPP), Cst. Diana Hampson (OPP), Mrs. Tomeo and Cst. Joe Tomeo.

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