



## National Day of Mourning

April 28, 1984 has been declared the National Day of Mourning by the Canadian Labour Council. On December 28, 1990, the Government of Canada passed the [\*Workers Mourning Day Act\*](#), which established April 28 as the official day observed every year to commemorate workers injured on the job, killed, disabled or who suffer from occupational illnesses. This day is also intended to show Canadians' concern for occupational health and safety.

Fight for the living, Mourn for the dead has been adopted by the Workers Health and Safety Centre the Day of Mourning though, is also intended to focus attention on what we can do to break the silence of indifference and say **enough** to the suffering caused by hazardous working conditions. On April 28 let's resolve to action that restores and promotes dignity and health in our workplaces and our communities.

The Oakville & District Labour Council looks at Violence in the Work Place as a growing concern as we see bullying incidents increase dramatically to 2006. We bow our heads in remembrance of Theresa Vince who ten years ago was harassed and shot by her supervisor, this incident a very direct result of workplace harassment. Last year, Lori Dupont of Windsor was murdered at Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital by her co-worker and former boyfriend. More recently on March 25, 2006 we remember and mourn John Stammers OPSEU local 558, who was critically injured and later died from an incident that occurred with a motorist while on picket duty March 20<sup>th</sup>. These are just to name a few that have died or were injured while performing their duties on the job.

Join us at the rededication of the Workers Monument on Friday, April 28, 2006 at 5pm. The Oakville Public Library, 120 Navy Street at Lakeshore. Guest Speaker, Carroll Ann Sceviour, OFL's Women's Rights/Solidarity & Pride. Local Dignitaries, Piper & An Aboriginal Blessing Ceremony. Refreshments will follow ceremony. For further information, please contact Brenda Walsh, Day of Mourning Chairperson (289)242-0743 or [walshvision@sympatico.ca](mailto:walshvision@sympatico.ca).