

# DET. FORD SLAIN THWARTING ROBBERY



Detective Horace L. Ford

The body of Det. Horace Ford, SCU, is carried into Bethany Baptist Church of Jamaica behind chaplains as Department members and city officials offer a final salute. The 39-year-old detective died as a result of wounds he received when he challenged a gunman in the Manufacturer's Hanover Trust Company branch office located on Kissena Blvd. in Flushing.

Det. Ford worked part-time in the bank as a teller and was behind the counter when the robber lunged over the counter top brandishing a gun and announcing it was a stickup. Det. Ford drew his revolver and exchanged shots with the man. Hit twice, the detective was rushed to Booth Memorial Hospital where he expired despite doctors'

efforts to save his life. The gunman died in the gutter alongside the bank where he fled after being hit by Det. Ford's bullets.

A 12-year veteran of the force, Det. Ford had twice received Commendations for outstanding bravery and he earned 24 other medals for his performance prior to his tragically ended career. He leaves his wife, Nancy, and a daughter, Melody, as well as his parents, 2 brothers and 5 sisters. The detective's body was returned to his birthplace in Fairmont, North Carolina for burial. More than forty of his brother officers from the Street Crime Unit attended the burial service in North Carolina.