

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of C. Elmer “Slim” Kramer at the age of 93.

Mr. Kramer was born on the prairies on December 23, 1921, the first of 9 children. In 1927, his father, a Lutheran pastor, was called to serve at First St. Paul’s Church in Wellesley, and the growing family moved to Ontario. After high school, Mr. Kramer went to work as a “junior” at the Bank of Commerce (now CIBC). Banking became his career.

In 1942, he interrupted his career to enlist in the RCAF, where he served with the prestigious RAF Pathfinders as an Avro Lancaster navigator. While in the RCAF, he met Shirley Martin at an airmen’s party at the Royal York Hotel and they married when he completed his military service in 1945.

The couple lived in New Hamburg, Cainsville, Peterborough and Stouffville, Ontario, before Mr. Kramer’s work took him to the CIBC head office in Toronto. In 1956, the Kramers bought a house in the new Hunter’s Glen subdivision of Scarborough, where they resided until each had passed.

Mr. Kramer retired in 1983, learning to enjoy sleeping in and spending more time with his large extended family. A charter member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Matthew, Scarborough (1954), Mr. Kramer worshiped regularly in the sanctuary, and spent his days working on the church grounds until shortly before his death. His wife passed away in 2003.

Mr. Kramer is survived by his two daughters, Holly Kramer and Maryann Gibbins, his grandchildren, Caroline, Cooper, and Carter and great granddaughter, Taegan as well as his siblings, Lois Clifford, Reverend Herman Kramer and Helen Henschel.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Mr. Kramer’s family, and his many friends across the City.

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