

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor James Pasternak

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The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mario Napolitano on Thursday, May 14, 2020.

Like many Torontonians, Mario lived the newcomer experience, arriving in Canada with little to his name but a zealous optimism and ambition to build a better life. Despite the struggles and uphill battles Mario faced establishing himself in his new city and country, he fought tooth and nail and remained resolute in his resolve to achieve the dream that so many before him had aspired to as well. The earliest years were the hardest for Mario and his young family. However, his hard work and dedication would ultimately pay off, allowing him to build his dream home in the neighbourhood he loved, and raise three beautiful children with his wife Maria. Following this success, Mario made it his mission to give back to the city and community that had given him so much.

During his retirement, Mario was an active member of the Italian Roding Seniors Club, which gave him the opportunity to do what he loved most, bringing people together. The activities he planned and organized were always immensely popular among the Italian Roding Seniors, and Mario took great pride in knowing that he was helping members of his community stay active, connected, and engaged through the monthly trips and annual events he organized. Whether it was a trip to the Fatima Shrine in Lewiston, New York, visiting the casino in Niagara, or peach picking in southwestern Ontario, Mario's trips were a time for seniors to fraternize and be together, with many lasting friendships forged during these excursions. When he wasn't busy organizing events, Mario enjoyed spending time playing cards with his friends at the seniors club, and adored being with his grandchildren who lived nearby.

Mario was well known and loved by many in the community, not just within the Italian Roding Seniors Club but among parents and families who remember him regularly taking his grandchildren to school and the significant presence he had in their day-to-day lives. Known for his focus and organization, Mario applied these skills not just in his own life but by helping those around him stay on track and achieve their goals just the same. Those who knew him always recognized the impact he made, how dedicated and committed he was, and the lasting legacy he will leave behind.

Mario will be sorely missed by his family and friends who remember him as thoughtful, caring, and kind, and generous to anyone and everyone he encountered. Mario is survived by Maria Grazia Napolitano, his loving wife of 51 years, his three children, Peter, Rita, and Johnny, as well five grandchildren, Giancarlo, Isabella, Maria Grazia, Julia Bianca, and Andrew Harley.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to family and friends of Mario Napolitano.

May 28, 2020