

## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by:** Councillor Mike Colle

**Seconded by:** Councillor Frances Nunziata

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to hear the passing of Rocco 'Rocky' DeLorenzo who passed away on January 12, 2021 at the age of 86.

Rocky was the devoted husband of Zoe for 31 wonderful years, and the proud father of Agnes (Cosmo), Josie (Erik) and Mark (Tianna).

Rocky was an extremely proud Nonno and cherished his grandchildren Rachela, Matthew, GianLuca, Natalie, Justin and Daniel. He was also a loving brother to his many siblings, Giovannina, Vincenzo, Giulia, Antonio, Maddalena, Giovanni, Maria, Stella and Carmine.

Rocco earned his nickname 'Rocky' in the Italian Navy where he was an avid boxer. He immigrated to Canada in 1957 at the age of 23, and his auto body repair career started in 1960 as a Body Repair Man at Allied Auto Paint. Rocky obtained his Body Repair Licence in 1962, and in 1963 he became the shop Estimator at Allied Auto Paint.

Rocky always had dreams of owning his own shop and in 1965, Ryding Auto Body was born. The business began in a small garage attached to his home. Rocky expanded his business and moved to a larger location in 1973, but he wasn't done learning yet and, in 1976, he received his mechanical repair licence.

In 1981 and 1999 Ryding Auto Body continued to expand and moved twice to larger locations. Today, the facility is located at 1107 Castlefield Avenue in Toronto.

Rocky believed that quality service, experience and integrity are the foundation to a successful business and happy customers. That is exactly how Rocky's business is run to this day by his son Mark, who is the current owner of Ryding Auto Body and who continues his father's legacy. Growing up, the auto body shop was where Mark spent his time. One of Mark's early memories from the shop was when he was 6 years old, Mark decided to draw with his fingernails on a freshly painted car and even then, his father didn't get angry at him.

Rocky will be fondly remembered for his radiant smile and warm laughter. He will be missed by all his family and countless members of the community.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Rocco DeLorenzo's family.

February 2, 2021