



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Theresa (Mother) Tate on November 16, 2020.

Teresa Tate owned and ran East End Garden Centre at 1395 Queen Street East. She always took care of her customers and her business. Theresa was a Leslieville icon known for being community-minded and was a champion for small businesses in her community as well as supporting Ontario growers her East End Garden Centre. Mother Tate was a key leader in Leslieville's fight to stop the Big Box development on Eastern Avenue, testifying at the then Ontario Municipal Board on behalf of the East Toronto Community Coalition.

Theresa was born on Manitoulin Island in 1932. She was sent to live in an orphanage when she was three years old. When she was seven years old, she was sent to live with her uncle in Sudbury.

Theresa moved to Toronto when she was 18 and shortly, met and married her husband, Norman. Theresa and Norman had five daughters - Linda, Judy, Kathy, Nancy and Debbie - and one son, John.

She worked with the City of Toronto by setting up homes for and helping low-income, homeless and battered women move. Theresa and her family have supported many local initiatives and organizations in the community. She has also started, coached and sponsored a hockey league for underprivileged children.

Theresa was well-known for being a matriarch in Leslieville. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and the entire community.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to family and friends of Theresa Tate.

November 25, 2020