

***Expression of Condolence for
Lili Dicker-Palmer by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor James Pasternak

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Colle

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council, are deeply saddened to learn about the passing of Lili Dicker-Palmer on February 27, 2021 at the age of 95.

Born in Transylvania, Lili came to Canada in 1927 at the age of two. Her father, Eugene, had come in advance to find a new and better place for them to live and once he was comfortable in Toronto he arranged for his wife and children (Lili, Alice, Bob, Bill and Ernie) to follow him.

Eugene turned the entire backyard into a highly productive farm and after working a full day as an upholsterer, often for Famous Players Cinemas, he would return to the house and spend hours toiling in the garden. When her father would take the children for walks to the City, Lili and her four siblings would hold a long piece of string to help avoid getting lost.

Lili married Syd Palmer and soon had four children, three daughters (Patti, Barbie, Corinne) and a son (Jamie). While Syd worked in real estate and then for the Ministry of Housing, Lili did bookkeeping for several years, first working for her brother and ultimately for other companies, including accounting firms.

When Lili turned 65 she courageously ventured off to university and over a number of years completed her Bachelors of Arts in Spanish and English at the University of Toronto. Before long, Lili also attended York University where she earned a second degree, this one a Bachelors of Fine Arts. Lili's paintings and sculptures can still be enjoyed by her family and her friends with whom she shared her one of many talents.

Lili volunteered with the Canadian Opera Company as well as with a women's group at Temple Sinai. She was a trailblazer, a very modern and intelligent woman, mother and friend who gave so much of herself and who asked for so little in return. Lili is missed but her spirit continues in all of us who were fortunate to have known and loved her.

Lili was also a regular volunteer with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. She often attended concerts and would sit at the same third row seat and enjoy the cascading sounds of the orchestra as some of its members, particularly Jim Wallenberg would smile and nod hello as Lili got comfortable in her chair for the evening's performance. About twenty years ago Lili began working for Mondex as a researcher and was very good at her job, one that she enjoyed up to the age of 94.

Lili will be sorely missed by three daughters (Corinne, Barbie, Patti (Chris) and son Jamie (Lena) as well as her grandchildren Jonah and Palmer.

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

February 2, 2022