

***Expression of Condolence for
Alvena Naiomi Chance by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Crawford

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Alvena Naiomi Chance on December 11, 2022, at the age of 96.

Alvena was born on October 30, 1926, in the Village of Danielstown Essequibo, Guyana. She was an identical twin to her sister Ruth and had 7 other siblings. On December 30, 1950, she married John Rupert Chance – a union that produced 8 children and which continued for over 49 years until his passing on March 8, 1999.

In Guyana, Alvena was a certified beautician and took exceptional delight in her profession, especially in preparing brides for their big day. As the wife of a police officer, she supervised female prisoners when there were no female officers present at the police station and she was also hired to prepare meals for the prisoners. In Canada, Alvena was a devoted home care health companion to elderly patients.

On October 26, 1976, she willingly and unreservedly presented herself for water baptism as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. She was a very devoted, zealous and enthusiastic servant of Jehovah for over 46 years.

Alvena was a huge Toronto Raptors, Blue Jays and Cricket fan. She loved travelling and visited several Caribbean countries such as Jamaica, Bahamas, Trinidad, Antigua, and has explored Hawaii and parts of Europe including Paris, Germany and Amsterdam.

Those who knew Alvena over the years would have observed that she was indeed a very loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother, great-great grandmother, a kind-hearted aunt, great aunt, aunt-in-law and a very dear friend, second mom and grandma to many. Alvena was a great storyteller and her sense of humour was maintained until the end.

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

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