

***Expression of Condolence for
James Frances Kielty by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle

Seconded by: Councillor Anthony Perruzza

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of James Frances Kielty ("Frank") on January 12, 2023, at the age of 86.

Frank was a proud Torontonion throughout his life. As a youth growing up in the City, Frank began working at a local service station at the age of 14, and later as a driver for Leonard Furs, T. Eaton Co. and worked at the O'Keefe brewery. He attended St. Michael's College School and then went on to graduate from the University of Toronto, where he met the love of his life, Mary Patricia McNamara. Frank and Mary Pat reconnected in 1960 in New York and were married shortly after in New Jersey. They spent the next 60 years together and raised their children, Brendan, Patrick, Kevin, and John.

Frank pursued a career in Market Research. He was selected for the Junior Achievement Program at Merrill Lynch. When the couple returned to Toronto, Frank founded his own firm in the 1970s and bought Gallup Poll Canada, which he successfully led as President, measuring the opinions of Canadians on politics, social and economic issues, and current events. Frank worked his way to becoming one of the country's leading pollsters and advised major corporations, Government Ministers, and a Prime Minister. Many regarded Frank as a mentor and he always took the time to listen and provide wise insights and sound advice.

Frank was active throughout this life and well into his later years. He loved sports and was often found playing hockey at St. Monica's and cheering on the Canadiens, and later co-founded the St. Mike's Old Timers hockey club. While at school, Frank was a star football quarterback of the City champion Kerry Blues. Whether travelling around the world, reading history books, crafting poems, telling jokes, cooking, serving as a lector at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, or spending time with his children and grandchildren, Frank was active in his local community and his energy and enthusiasm brightened every room.

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

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