

***Expression of Condolence for
Gordon Hamlet Shorab Spooner by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Jon Burnside

The Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Gordon Hamlet Shorab Spooner on February 11, 2023, at the age of 76.

He was born on November 26, 1946, to the late Charles Isaac and Bebe Miriam Spooner at 8 Camp and Princess Streets, Georgetown, Guyana, South America and was the ninth of eleven children.

Gordon migrated to Canada in February of 1972, and on November 11 he married Theolinda “Lyn” Ann Croal. For over 50 years, she has been the love of his life, his best friend, confidante, soul mate, and companion. As Gordon quietly departed this life’s journey, she also became his nurse and protector.

Gordon continued his education pursuing further studies and graduated as a heating, ventilation and air conditioning specialist. He worked for the Canadian National Railway for several years until he joined the staff of Toronto Community Housing Corporation serving on boards and committees. He also served as treasurer for the Maryvale Association, when Vern Poireir retired. Gordon was a people person and an active participant within his community.

Gordon enjoyed playing squash at Good Life Fitness with his friends. Once his knees and ankles started to fail, he turned to exercising his elbows and wrists with crossword puzzles. His love for sports, especially basketball and football, continued throughout his life. Gordon also displayed his love, interest, inspiration and encouragement towards the younger generation of the family, as well as many others who requested and sought his help, and who ultimately looked up to him and loved him dearly.

He embraced his path to enlightenment making him successful, fulfilled and confident, thus enabling him to make meaningful contributions to all those whom he encountered.

If you were to walk back through the years of Gordon's life, you would be waist-high in the fields of joy which Gordon lovingly sowed for others.

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

March 29, 2023