

***Expression of Condolence for
Esterina Bruno by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle

Seconded by: Councillor Vincent Crisanti

The Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Esterina Bruno on March 26, 2023, at the age of 91 years.

Esterina was born in 1931 in Tessano Dipignano, Cosenza, Italy. She and the love of her life, Pietro, wed in Italy at age 20 in 1951, and decided to make Toronto home in 1958. She immigrated with her brothers and sisters-in-law, settling in the east end, first on Hastings Avenue, later on Greenwood, and finally on Claxton Blvd. She and Pietro raised their family, first welcoming their daughter, Rose-Anne in 1952, and later, their son, Joe in 1964. Esterina dedicated her life to her family and she and Pietro made sacrifices to ensure that everyone in the family was taken care of. She spent her later years with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she was so proud of, and spent her time cheering on the Maple Leafs and the Raptors.

Esterina always led by example and was involved with her local church and community throughout her lifetime. She was passionate about gardening and cooking and became known for her famous gnocchi. She brightened every room she entered and cared deeply about others – Esterina could tell you who was from what town and the list of the family tree extending into generations. She is remembered by all for her generous, caring, and warm spirit.

Esterina has been reunited with her beloved husband Pietro Bruno. She will be deeply missed by her loving family and friends including Rose-Anne and Giuseppe (Stella), Anthony (Teresa), Peter (Stefania), Josie (Mike), Melissa (Steven), Daniela (Danny) and Victoria, Sophia, Luca, Jacob, Arianna, Rose, Michael, and David.

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

May 10, 2023