

***Expression of Condolence for
Gladys Elizabeth Danford by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson

Seconded by: Mayor Olivia Chow

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Gladys Elizabeth Danford on March 9, 2024, at the age of 99.

Gladys, affectionately known as "Mama," was born on December 3, 1924, in the Parish of St. Mary, Jamaica. In the early 1980s, she visited her children in Toronto, Canada, marking the beginning of her journey to a new life. In April 2001, she immigrated to Toronto, where she became the pillar of strength for her six children.

Gladys was happily married to the late Timothy Danford for a remarkable 72 years. Gladys leaves behind a legacy cherished by her six children, Jean, Timothy Jr., Lenny, Jeannette, Andre, and Warren. Her absence will be deeply felt by her grandchildren, Kelly, Keir, Monique, Tamika, Latoya, Christopher, Taylor, Justin, Myles, and Milan, and she will always be fondly remembered by her many great-grandchildren.

Gladys's infectious smile, hearty laughter, and her boundless love for people and life will endure in the hearts of all who knew her. She served as an inspiration to many, emphasizing the importance of family and proudly embracing the multicultural richness of Canada, recognizing the opportunities it affords immigrants.

Gladys's spirit will forever illuminate the lives of those she touched.

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

March 20, 2024