

***Expression of Condolence for
John David (Jack) Baskerville by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow

Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of John David (Jack) Baskerville on May 13, 2024, the day of his 96th birthday.

Jack Baskerville was born in Emerson, Manitoba on May 13, 1927. He was just old enough to join the war effort and served during World War II before heading out west to Creston, British Columbia, where he fell in love with, and married, Elizabeth (Bette) Browell. In British Columbia, Bette gave birth to three daughters: Wendy, Susan, and Shelley.

Jack was fortunate to have had two long and distinguished careers, first working for British American Oil, then Gulf Oil, for 25 years. He later switched to the food business, where he was Vice President of Real Estate and Construction for McDonald's Canada for over 20 years. He was especially proud to secure the first location for the Ronald McDonald House in Canada on Dundas Street West to support the families of children at the Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids).

Jack was a devoted father and affectionately known as Big Grampa Jack by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He joins his dear wife, Bette, and beloved daughter Susan. He is survived by his daughters Wendy Baskerville and Shelley Carroll (Sandy), granddaughters Susan Carroll and Martha Carroll, and great-grandchildren Eva Darko, Tristan Darko, and Tyson Darko.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Jack Baskerville's family: his two daughters Wendy and Shelley, his son-in-law Sandy, his beloved grandchildren Susan and Martha, and his great-grandchildren Eva, Tristan, and Tyson.

May 22, 2024