

## Valentin Koncan Obituary

It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Tine (Valentin) Končan, surrounded by his loving family at Dom Lipa, on December 2, 2024. He was the beloved husband of the late Marija and a devoted father to Val (Lucy), Maria (Mario) Dimperio, Klaudia (Matt) Wickham, and Tom (Leah). Tine was a cherished grandfather to Ivana, Madeline, Nathaniel, David, Steven, Diana, Gregory, Kevin, Eric, Monika, and predeceased by his grandson Alexander. He was also a proud great-grandfather to Carson, Hailey, Alina, and Ethan.

Tine was born in Slovenia and left the country with his brother Pavle under the cover of darkness over the mountains at Lubelj in 1957. He was a refugee in Austria, then settled in Germany where he was required to work in the coal mines for a period. Later on, he was able to find work as a blacksmith, the trade for which he had been trained back home. Marija followed him to Germany where they married in 1960. There, they had their first three children (Val, Maria and Klaudia). On July 1, 1967, Tine and his family emigrated to Canada. The first few years were challenging but the family persevered. A few years later, they welcomed another son, Tom.

The family embraced a new life in Canada, and remained deeply rooted in their faith. They settled in Alderwood, close to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church. In 1972, Tine became caretaker at the church hall, and for the next 25 years was a fixture in the parish. The parish was always a central part of the Končan family's life.

Tine is survived by his siblings Jože, Ivanka, Tomaž, Francelj, Tončka, Albina, Maks, Vera, Andrej, and was predeceased by his brothers Pavle and Janez, and his sister Micka.

Friends will be received at Ridley Funeral Home, 3080 Lake Shore Blvd. W. (between Islington and Kipling Aves., at 14th St.) on Thursday, December 5th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A visitation will also be held on Friday, December 6th, from 9:45 to 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church, 739 Browns Line, followed by a funeral mass at 10:30 am. Interment will take place at Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga.

The Končan family is grateful for the care and support provided by Dom Lipa during this time. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Dom Lipa.