

## Milka Koščak Obituary

Our loving mother, Milka, passed away peacefully in her sleep, with her family by her side, on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Dom Lipa, Toronto. She was in her 99th year.

Milka was born in Hrusevje, Slovenia on August 20, 1925. Like many others, when the war broke out, she had to flee to Austria then Italy to escape Communist regime. She met and married her husband Frank in a refugee camp and together they journeyed to Canada when Milka was pregnant with their first child, Carl. They settled in Toronto, where they raised their family, and they became active in the Slovenian community. She volunteered at Dom Lipa for over 20 years. She was a completely selfless person, always putting her family first, nurturing them with her unfailing support and her wonderful cooking and baking. She was an avid reader throughout her life.

In her later years at Dom Lipa, she became famous among the staff for Brandy Bean chocolates – they weren't allowed to leave her room without one. She was completely alert and communicating clearly right up to the end. She has fulfilled the calling God entrusted her with on this Earth as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend.

The family would like to thank the staff at Dom Lipa for their wonderful loving care over the past 8 years. She commented weekly that she has everything she needs because of their attentive care.

Milka is predeceased by her husband Frank, her eldest son Carl, her sister Ivanka (Cleveland) and her brother Tone (Slovenia). She was a loving mother to Millie (Mario), Wanda (Vik), Vic, and Danny (Pat); a cherished grandmother to Sandy (Wayne), Bobby (Mandy), Jimmy (Laura), Tony (Christine), David (Jen), Laurie (Robbie), Tina (Jeff), Kyle, Emma, Erin, and Erik and a proud great-grandmother to 17 great-grandchildren. She will be lovingly remembered by her brother Jože Mihevc, Anita and many nieces, nephews and extended family members in Cleveland, Slovenia and Toronto.

Friends will be received on Thursday, June 6 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Ridley Funeral Home, 3080 Lake Shore Blvd. W. (at Fourteenth St. between Kipling and Islington Aves), and on Friday, June 7 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church (739 Browns Line). The Funeral Mass will take place at 10:00 am, followed by interment at Mount Peace Cemetery, 3204 Cawthra Rd, Mississauga. The family will host a reception at the Slovenian Cultural Centre (739 Browns Line) after the interment.

If desired, donations in memory of Milka to [Dom Lipa](#) would be appreciated by the family.