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Polish Social Club: Announcement - Nov./15/2021

Polonia bids farewell to Idalia (Lila) Rappé

With the deep sadness we regret to inform all of our Polonia in Windsor-Essex region and all of Canada that on November 8th, 2021, Idalia Helena (Ida/ Lila) Rappé (née Radomska) of Windsor, Ontario passed away peacefully at the age of 97. During her long incredible rich life she made a lasting impression on everyone she met on her journey.

"Idalia took part in the Warsaw Uprising in 1944 as a member of the Polish Home Army (AK), then was sent to POW camp in Germany. After the war she married Zbigniew, an officer of the Polish Army in Exile and decided to emigrate, rather than to return to what was then communist Poland. She arrived in Canada with her mother and husband in 1949. Here, while raising her family, Ida earned her undergraduate degree at University of Windsor and Master's in Library Science at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She worked as a professional librarian at the University of Windsor until retirement. Ida enjoyed life to its fullest, especially her family and work as well as pursuing her interest in literature, theater, music, opera, foreign languages, travel and camping across America. "

"Idalia Rappé or Lila, as we used to call her, was a co-founder, leader and a life time member of the Polish Social Club of Windsor that is actively promoting Polish culture and heritage in Canada since 1951. For many years, she acted as Club President. She, as the leader, guided us by sharing with us her commitment, great hospitality, respect for others, compassion, natural kindness and life wisdom. At the same time, Lila did not isolate herself from people, institutions, organizations here in Canada. With her firmness and respect to others, kindness and wisdom, she found her niche, her own place in our society. She taught us all her virtues, and we are proud of her achievements."

"She was that particular Lady, with class, elegance, intelligence and poise, that others admired, recognized and wanted to be like.

She survived war's ordeals, became a Patriot and we'd be astonished by that.

She made her home and Family in Canada and we thank her for that.

She became educated and a professional and we respect her for that.

She championed the Klub Towarzyski and we admire her for that.

She brought family and people together and we embrace her for that.

She was a Dear Friend and we love her for that.

Patriot, Heroine, Matriarch, Professional, Leader, Role Model, Friend

Now, we are here to say good bye, farewell, and remember the Legacy. (...)

Rest in Peace, with dignity and honour as your Legacy, Your Generations pay tribute and memorialize your Life and Contribution. Pani Rappé, You are a Great Lady."

- Maria Spanik - President