



Maria Dumyn

Maria Dumyn, aka Mechoo / Ma / Ba / Chochoo / Babcha / Mama Maria, passed away on Saturday May 1st, 2021 at the age of 94 years and 312 days - albeit, way too soon.

Maria was preceded in death by her husband, Roman, in June of 1982. She is survived by her ever grateful and ever loving children Christine (Lala), husband Guido, Bohdanna (Dodia), preceded by husband John, her source of joy grandchildren, Zoe (Zochoo), husband Anthony, Carmine (Carmenchick), Marcus (Mirchick), wife Maisie, and her three great grandchildren, Julian, Bianca and Celina, preceded by her sister Tetiana Lessy and survived by nephews Boris, wife Laurie, Steve, wife Isha and great nephew Billy and great niece Triana, Myron and Steve, wife Isha and niece Terenia, husband Luis.

Maria had such a full life, that it is very difficult to put down in short, the amazing, fruitful, exciting, life that she led. She was born in Pomoriany, Ukraine and had truly engaging experiences. There were many hurdles to overcome due to the war, but this made mom the strong, independent and courageous woman that she was.

She was born with a very strong work ethic, for the multi tasking that she did was outstanding. Tend to her husband and children, cook, bake, clean, work, embroider, crochet, knit, sweep, (loved to sweep and pass that talent along), and even look after our many Petrushis, (canaries). She was a workhorse. How Maria could fit everything she did into a day, is still a source of amazement!

Her home was her museum as she loved art, and no wall space could go uncovered without a piece of art or a carpet or a religious icon. Her colourful embroidery filled our home - the aroma of her homemade soups and baked goods, (gotta love that homemade chocolate cake, honey cake and cheesecake), enticed people into the tiny kitchen where she would prepare amazing meals, especially during holiday seasons.

Maria worked in the clothing industry for a very long time, and later was employed with the CIBC bank in the Olympic Coin division, and later in the Proof Department. Both very prestigious positions. She retired in 1987, but continued to be extremely active. She spent a lot of time with her beloved grandchildren and extended family. Took many trips to Florida, Mexico, the Ukraine, Poland, France. Always loved to spend time in Camlachie with her sister, her mother and father, and her niece and nephews. Maria learned to swim at the ripe age of 67 and thus overcame her fear of the water. Spoke five languages and knew how to converse in all of them until the end.

There is so much more to Maria and her life, but let it be known that what she instilled in many was that - "Knowledge is something that no one can ever take away from you. Keep learning as life is full of things to know and learn about."

A big thank you to the staff at Ivan Franko Nursing Home in Toronto who always took such good care of Maria and welcomed all of us including Fang (pup) and Thor (bun). Maria will be missed by many people.

Life was given to Maria, she has now given it back.

Love Always - Never Forgotten - Memories A Plenty

Rest in peace.