### THE INL GROUP

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Anthony (Tony) Badali, patriarch and owner, of Islington Nurseries Ltd., died peacefully July 1, 2018.

The original garden center was opened in 1950 by Anthony's father, Joseph Badali and his wife Lena who had emigrated from Italy. When his father died at a young age, Tony took on the responsibility of the business along with his mother Lena. Tony and his wife Pat continued to build the business with the addition of the Landscape Supply Yard on Bering Avenue in the early 1980's

Tony took a 'hands on' approach to many aspects of the business, and continued to build long term relationships with both suppliers and customers through mutual respect and hard work.

'I will always have very fond memories of Tony. He would envelop me in the biggest bear hug whenever I had to stop by his office and I could always count on a good conversation and a tour around the yard to see the latest changes. There were many an occasion that he and I would chat on the phone just to catch up with each other's lives and that of our families. I will always remember him as a kind gentle soul.'

Betty-Anne Gifford, Dutchmaster Nurseries Ltd.

I was fortunate to have known Tony for close to 30 years. I knew him as a successful business owner who had imagination and grit. Tony was my customer, but he was also my dear friend. We frequently would meet for lunch and talk for hours about business, and family in equal measure.

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I loved his enthusiasm for business, for life. He taught me about mindfulness, before it was the latest thing. Reminded me to be appreciative of what we have, and who we have in our lives. To take nothing for granted. He was always a gentleman, my friend, my "Favourite Tony". I will miss him so.

#### Kim Iceton, Somerville Nurseries

Tony was my first customer when I got into the industry 28 years ago. I loved going to Islington Nurseries just to have a chat with Tony. He would talk about selling apples at the CNE when he was young, to the Harvey's Outlet later on. The trips to Moosenee hunting. I remember Tony's Mom would always say 'why do you show up at lunch', I would always say it was because of her meatballs, but really it was the only time I could track Tony down. He always gave me some kind of order, then we ate. I will miss you Tony. Heaven is a little bit happier and earth a little sadder. Rest well.

#### Paull Hopping, Braun Nurseries

I have dealt with Tony and his family for over 40 years and have always known him as "Tony of Islington". One of my nicest and best customers, he was always professional, fair, friendly and easy to deal with. Everything he did, represented quality. He built up a good business by taking chances and expanding. Looking towards the future and long-term business opportunities he sold the old family nursery on Islington and he expanded to what is now a much bigger Islington Nurseries on Evans Ave and also in the Plaza at 1000 Islington Ave. He was a pioneer in both the Nursery & Landscape Business. He was always there, as part of the business, his work was his hobby. The man he was at the core, is a true example of what a good business man should be. Tony Badali will be missed by all who knew him.

#### Gerry Brouwer, Brouwer Sod Farms

Tony had a circle of friends that encompassed family, other business owners, customers, suppliers and staff. He built up a clientele that included the CNE, Boulevard Club, Toronto Cricket & Skating Club and The Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

This legacy was passed along to his sons Joe and John.

#### Visitation:

Turner and Porter Funeral Home ~ Peel Chapel 2180 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, ON, L5B 1M8 Wednesday July 4, 2018 6:00pm – 9:00pm

#### Visitation:

Turner and Porter Funeral Home ~ Peel Chapel 2180 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, ON, L5B 1M8 Thursday July 5, 2018 2:00pm – 4:00pm Thursday July 5, 2018 6:00pm – 9:00pm

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#### **Burial**

Mount Peace Cemetery 3204 Cawthra Road, Mississauga, ON L5A 2X6

#### Mass

Our Lady of Sorrows 3055 Bloor St. W., Toronto, ON M8X 1C6 **Friday July 6, 2018 11:00am** 

If desired, memorial donations may be made to **Dorothy Ley Hospice** 

