

FRANCO VANI
1925-2020

Franco was a quiet, respectful gentleman who had a great interest in the well-being of a vibrant Italian Canadian community to enrich Canadian life through its work, rich culture and language.

Franco Vani died in his 95th year, on the 22nd of August 2020. He was born in the small town of Prossedi, provincia di Latina, on the 22nd of October 1925. After WW II he immigrated to Montreal, Canada where he worked for Continental Can and later helped Italian Canadians as a travel agent. He was part of the group that fostered the establishment of Air Transat. During this period, he was active in the Italian Canadian community of Montreal, participating in the National Congress of Italian Canadians of Montreal.

He got married with Rosetta, and in 1984 the new family moved to Ottawa. Franco was very active on the Board of the National Congress of Italian Canadians (NCD) for about twenty years and continued to be a member of the organization for the remainder of his life. At the turn of the Millennium, he became a member of the Board of the National Congress of Italian Canadian Foundation (Eastern Ontario and Outaouais District) Inc. He was very involved in the Giovanni Caboto Scholarship Program, an initiative that has benefitted well over a hundred Carleton University and University of Ottawa students. He left that position for a few years of the last decade, but despite declining health, he rejoined and continued to be active for the last years of his life, **a life dedicated to the service of the Italian Canadian community.**

**Thanks, Franco, for Your Service to the Italian Canadian Community
You will be missed
It is hoped that your dedication will inspire many others**

Joe Macaluso December 2020