

# TED GLISTA

## Community 'tower of strength' dies at 47

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Ted Glista, a dynamo of charitable activity and champion of the Canadian Polish community, died Monday morning. Mr. Glista was 47.

Mr. Glista is survived by his wife, Marina, and his children: Carolyn, 20; Joanne, 18; Greg, 16; and

Sandra, 11. He had been a resident of Mississauga since 1941.

Mr. Glista was president of Alltario Insurance Agencies Ltd. on Queensway Ave. West, a company he formed two years ago. He was manager and founder of the Mississauga branch of Great West Life In-

surance from 1973 to 1976.

Business partner Jack Weststrate said, "Ted was involved in so many things in the community, it's just incredible."

As president of the Mississauga Rotary Club, Mr. Glista was instrumental last year in giving a portion of the proceeds from the club's annual

television auction to the Mississauga Hospital Development Fund. After the auction this year, he personally pledged his club's support in donating more money to the hospital.

Mr. Glista joined the Rotarians in 1971, working his way to the presidency by serving as secretary, then vice-president of the club.

Hospital development officer Lyle Doering said Mr. Glista was "a tower of strength."

"The moment the campaign started he came to me," said Mr. Doering. "He volunteered—gave us the confidence of his club from the outset."

Mr. Doering said Mr. Glista's business and personal contacts landed several sizeable anonymous donations for

the hospital fund.

Thaddeus Alexander Glista was born in Henreboung, Sask., where his parents immigrated from Poland in 1929. After moving to the Toronto area, Mr. Glista became involved in the Polish Canadian Alliance (PCA). He became president of the youth branch in New Toronto in 1949.

From 1952 to 1957 he was president of the central executive of the PCA and during the period established 12 Polish youth clubs across the province. He was president of the PCA from 1965 to 1974, and in 1969 established an educational and charitable foundation. In 1970, he initiated a summer travel exchange program between Canadian and Polish Universi-



**Glista with Mayor McCallion**

ty students.

In 1968, he was named an honorary citizen of Winnipeg for his work with the Polish community.

Mr. Glista's most recent honor came last fall when during a visit to Poland he met with Solidarity leader Lech Walesa.

Mr. Glista served as chairman of the Peel County United Way (professional section) in 1973 and was chairman of the Peel County Heart Foundation from 1977 to 1979. Mr. Glista is also a past director of the National Ballet of Canada.

Mr. Glista became involved in politics in 1955 as a member of the provincial and federal Liberal parties. He was a voting delegate at both

the 1959 and 1969 leadership conventions in Ottawa. He ran as provincial Liberal candidate in 1967, the same year he made a bid for deputy reeveship in Mississauga. He was president of the Mississauga Liberal Association from 1968 to 1970.

Mr. Glista worked as chief fundraiser for Parkdale - High Park MP Jesse Flis and was also chief fundraiser in Mississauga South during that federal election.

Friends of the Glistas can pay their respects at the Turner and Porter funeral chapel at 2180 Hurontario St. after 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Mr. Glista's funeral mass will be at St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church at Cawthra Rd. and Atwater Rd., Thursday at noon.