

Ted Glista is city's top citizen



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Mayor Hazel McCallion and Harold Shipp present the late Ted Glista, who was named citizen of the year Sunday.

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They say Ted Glista was one of those people you could count on for help when you were fighting an uphill battle.

The long-time Mississauga resident, who died in January, was known for his ability to cut through the red tape of immigration laws.

At the Citizen of the Year banquet Sunday, Mr. Glista's achievements were recognized when he became the second recipient of the award.

His widow, Marina, accepted the Gordon S. Shipp Memorial award at the Credit Valley Golf and Country Club. Mrs. Glista was accompanied by children, Joanne, 19, Greg, 16, and Sandra, 11.

"I'm very pleased and thrilled," Mrs. Glista said of the award. "It's a

lasting monument to him."

Ironically, Mr. Glista, who came to the Lakeview area in 1941, had his first job with the late Gordon Shipp's company, for whom the Citizen of the Year award is named. He eventually became a chartered life underwriter for Great West Life insurance.

During his lifetime, he was president of the Polish Alliance of Canada and contributed to the construction of a Polish cultural centre in Grimsby, was Ontario Chairman of the Canadian Consultative Council on Multiculturalism and

served as president of the Rotary club.

Mrs. Glista said her husband was "constantly" being called to help out with immigration problems.

Mr. Glista was one of five nominees for the award. The others were Eunice Bulger, a volunteer worker who has overcome polio; Ron Lenyk, a newspaper publisher involved in several charitable campaigns; Gerry Sibbald, a leader in the Peel Big Brothers organization; and Dr. Art Wood, a dentist who invented a mouthguard for contact sports.

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