Former Ward 1 councillor dead at 83

Staff

Harold Kennedy may have spent of 91 consecutive years, 26 years as a Toronto Township and Mississauga councillor, but he was, "the least political person" ever, says his successor in the job.

worked as Kennedy's council secre- stituents wanted. tary for a decade and then succeeded him in representing Ward 1.

politicians. When he retired in 1994, than a boss.



Harold Kennedy

he or a member of his family had served on local school boards, hydro and Kennedy meeting personally

Kennedy died of heart failure Saturday. He was 83.

Corbasson says stories about Kennedy's efforts to go out of his way "He was the consummate grass- for his constituents are legion. He roots politician. That's what he was wasn't known for making speeches, all about," says City of Mississauga but for keeping his ear close to the councillor Carmen Corbasson, who ground and delivering what his con-

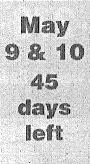
"He always looked after the underdog," says Corbasson, adding Kennedy was from a long line of Kennedy was always more of a friend

> "He would say to me, 'I know I have an appointment, but there's a lady with a windrow in her driveway and she has a supply of oxygen being delivered and I have to go down to her house and shovel."

> Kennedy never looked for accolades and was never comfortable in the spotlight that came with the political arena.

"He was a gentleman and a gentle man," says Mayor Hazel McCallion. "He took a personal interest in his residents. It was not unusual for him to leave City Hall and go give a senior citizen a lift somewhere if they didn't have a car."

She particularly remembered her commissions or councils for a period with dozens of residents of Lakeview See Kennedy page A6





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when Lakefront Promenade Park was being

"He was the driving force behind that," says McCallion. "He was determined that Safety Council and initiated the local school Don, his eldest daughter, Helen, and his park (which took about 20 years to be patrol program. developed) would go ahead, and it did.

ee, but then local councillor Len McNeese Port Credit). decided to run for deputy-reeve and Kennedy won the empty Council position.

When he retired, in 1994, Kennedy said he was proud of winning 10 consecutive elections, but was even more proud that each of his opponents ended up becoming his friend.

"The way I work with the people being close to them - I guess that is hereditary," he said in an interview with The News at the time. "My dad (who served as both councillor and then clerk of Toronto Township from 1907-31) and my uncle (T.L. Kennedy, an MPP for 36 years and briefly Ontario's Premier) weren't flashy people and they weren't particularly interested in climbing the political ladder.'

A longtime member of the Boy Scout J movement, the former laboratory tech-

nician at the Petro-Canada refinery in Ambulance. Kennedy was a founder and tomorrow at 11 a.m. charter member of the Mississauga Traffic

Visitation for Kennedy will be held from Kennedy first ran for office in 1967. He noon-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at Skinner made to St. John Ambulance, Mississauga

The funeral will be held at Trinity Clarkson also worked tirelessly for St. John Anglican Church (26 Stavebank Rd.)

granddaughter, Jessica.

was going to replace the local school trust- and Middlebrook (128 Lakeshore Rd. E., division or the Trinity Anglican Church Endowment Fund.