

DOMINIC V.P. CARDILLO
1930 – 2013

Dominic Vincent Patrick Cardillo was born on October 26, 1930 in Guelph and attended the GCVI, graduating in 1950. While at the GCVI he was an active student, winning the Durrant Cane in 1948. He was a popular member of the basketball team and also the senior rugby team which won the interscholastic rugby championships in 1948. He continued his education at the University of Western Ontario, earning a BA in 1954. He graduated from the College of Education in 1956. For twenty-five years he was a teacher with the Waterloo County Board of Education where he taught Mathematics and Physical Education.

Dom Cardillo was actively involved all his life in the Kitchener-Waterloo community, serving as director, president and chair of such organizations as Minor Hockey, Big Brothers, Centre in the Square Committee, the Italian Cortina Club, the Kitchener Waterloo Hospital Commission, St. Mary's General Hospital and the Grand River Conservation Authority. From 1973 to 1994 he served as a member of Waterloo Regional Council.

In 1963 he was elected to Kitchener City Council and served continuously until he was elected mayor in 1983. He retired as Kitchener's longest serving mayor in 1994. His commitment to service and his dedication to the needs of his fellow citizens earned him the reputation of being one of the most popular politicians Kitchener ever had. During his terms in office, public services from recreational centres to libraries grew significantly. As well, the Centre in the Square was built in 1980, and a new city hall in 1993. He said, "We are a well-off community and we will be judged in the long run by the way we treat our needy."

Mr. Cardillo was married to Mary Wunder for 54 years and they had six children and six grandchildren. He died April, 2013 at the age of 82.

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