

# Veronica Lamas



It is with deep sadness that the family of Mrs. Veronica Lamas announce her passing at the age of 90 years old on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, in Toronto, Canada.

Veronica was born in Varca, Goa and later moved to Nairobi, Kenya, where she met and married her late husband, Norberto, with whom she shared 58 wonderful years of marriage. Veronica began her career in Nairobi as a Secretary/Stenographer, working with the Kenya Police Service, the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (British Military) and the East Africa Tourist Travel Association.

In 1965, Norberto immigrated to Canada, with Veronica and their young family arriving the following year on Canada Day, July 1, 1966. Veronica worked for the Toronto Dominion Bank Mortgage Division in Canada for 20 years and was a proud Canadian for almost 56 years.

Veronica and Norberto were among the pioneers of the Goan community in Toronto, and continued to be strong promoters of the community, both in the GTA and in Goa. Among Veronica's contributions to the Goan community, she helped to support the G.O.A. in its early years, and served as President of the Salcete Association celebrating the Feast of the Holy Spirit in 1993. Veronica's love and respect for Goa were incorporated into her delicately-crafted art and handmade ceramics that depicted Goan scenery, culture and life, which she shared with the community through her stalls at Viva Goa, other Goan events, and the Toronto International Caravan – Panjim Pavilion.

Veronica will be lovingly remembered as a gifted, self-taught artist; a warm, friendly and lively neighbour; a graceful, spirited dancer; and a strong, supportive wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Her creativity, jovial spirit, unwavering faith and zest for life made her an inspiration to many, along with the love and devotion she showed caring for her late husband Norberto for 12 years after he suffered a stroke, until his passing in 2012.

Veronica will be deeply missed by those who knew her, but they are comforted by thoughts of her dancing away in heaven with her true love, Norberto. She is survived by her three children Medina (Louis), Rossana (late David, 2013) and Trevor, her grandchildren Elliott and Alicia, her brother Wilfred, sister Zerina (Aloysius), and sister-in-law Patricia (late Yvonn, 2022).