



# Salvatore Brancaccio

*June 20, 1927 - August 11, 2021*

Without music –  
we would still be human  
and life would go on but,  
it would be much more  
difficult to mourn our  
losses and celebrate our loves.

God gave us music  
so that we would have  
some hint of what He is like.

God sings in our hearts with music,  
telling us of love about  
which we would know  
much less were it not for music.



Salvatore Brancaccio has played his last musical note and is now at peace. Sal died at One Kenton Place in Toronto on August 11, 2021 at the age of 94. He is predeceased by his wife Marion (Cooper), and sisters Carmela Brancaccio Iovino of Benevento, Italy and Serafina Brancaccio Bianco of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Sal and Marion were married at and were active members of Fairlawn Avenue United Church for many years. He was a familiar face at the Columbus Center where he visited, drank lots of coffee and played his beloved mandolin once a week for over 30 years.

Salvatore was Born in Baselice Benevento, Italy and immigrated to Canada in 1951. He worked as an Inspector and Hand Leader on the assembling line at Ford Motor Company in Windsor, Ontario and then Oakville, Ontario. He played part time in a big band in Toronto Italian Halls in the 1950s. In addition to performing, he taught music privately. A self-taught musician from childhood, Sal was born with music in his heart. He always fit music into his life and after retiring, a new creative life took over when he realized he had a natural talent for designing and creating beautiful stained-glass masterpieces.

Sal also tried oil and acrylic painting, and copper etchings, but it was the stained glass artwork that truly moved and inspired him and became another passion for him later in life. His creations are diverse: Tiffany inspired landscapes, original creations of floral bouquets, Faberge-styled designs, Art-Deco geometrics, angels, garden flowers, hearts, and lamps. Jean was loved. By her families and her friends. And, she loved in return. Oh, what a party there will be in heaven with those who have gone before. Her parting words to her Toronto family were encouragement: "You are wonderful", and-to live by: "keep doing things."

Sal's wish was to stay active and do something for body and mind. Along with discovering his creativity, Sal embarked on an athletic quest. He started to race-walk in his 70s! He was recognized for his achievements with letters of congratulations from The Ontario Premier and also won a National Achievement award and holds the outdoor speed-walking record for men aged 70-74.

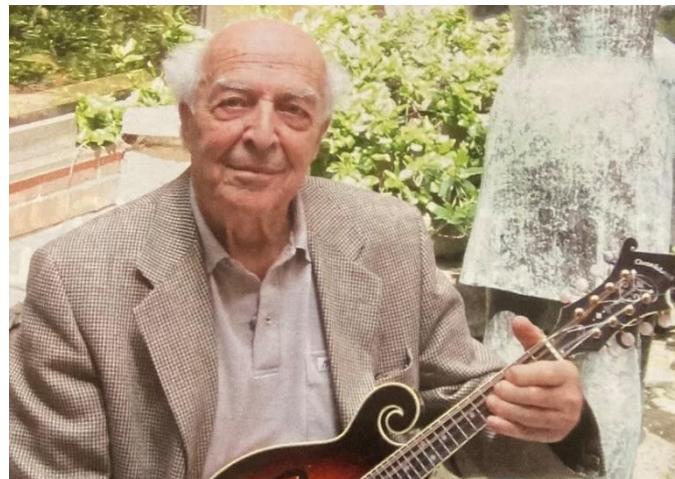
Salvatore was a cheerful man with a positive outlook on life. Genuine kindness and thoughtfulness were at his core. He accepted and welcomed everyone into his life. He had a generous heart and felt great joy in sharing his time, music and gifts of his beautiful stained-glass masterpieces.

He could speak and read five languages and was an accomplished musician, composer, artist and gardener. He was a dedicated husband, son, brother and committed friend.

He was blessed to have Faye Armstrong and Allan Hux who supported and cared for him over the past six years as his health declined.

Let us all remember:

the music,  
the talent,  
the smiling,  
the laughing,  
the talking,  
the sharing,  
the caring,  
and the loving.



Let us remember the good times – always ... and be thankful that Salvatore is now at peace.

#### Sal's Message

"I would like to thank you for  
being my family and friend and  
all that you have given me."

*Fairlawn*   
*Remembers*

*Submitted by Faye Armstrong*