

Jiří Jindřich Jelínek 19.08.1926 - 30.05.2020



Jiří Jindřich Jelínek passed away on Saturday 30th May 2020, at the age of 93. After several weeks of ill health, Jiří died in Calvary Hospital at Kogarah. He was very fortunate and grateful that his family supported him to stay at his beloved home of 63 years, at Sans Souci, for as long as possible.

Jiří was born in Bílý Kámen in Czechoslovakia on 19th August 1926 to father Jindřich Jelínek and mother Anna Rumlová. He was the youngest of four and helped out on his family's farm, however, Jiří had a clear vision for his future that he wanted to be a Chemist and trained at the Chemistry College in Prague. Due to his determination and work ethic Jiří achieved the highest award possible and worked as an Industrial Chemist until he retired.

Jiří escaped from the oppressive communist regime in 1949 and came to Australia in 1950. He met the love of his

life, Miroslava in August 1951 in Sydney. They married in 1953. Together they built a life for themselves and their three daughters in Sydney, while still remaining faithful to their Czech heritage and traditions. Jiří was pivotal in the building of Sokol Sydney's first Národní dům and worked tirelessly as the treasurer for almost 30 years. He became Starosta of Župa Australia in 1982 and Starosta of Sokol Sydney in 2001. Jiří loved to visit his beautiful homeland and in July 1994 he was invited to Pražský Hrad to meet with President Havel. This was one of the proudest and most memorable events in his life.

Jiří was preceded in death by his parents and by his siblings Václav, Marie and Josef. He is survived by his children Anna, Mira and Susan; sons-in-law Des and Keith, grandchildren Evan, Danielle, Katie and Peter; and great-grandson Paxton Henry.

Jiří was a warm, intelligent man and a true gentleman. He was very active throughout his life and had an incredible enthusiasm for his many and varied projects. He had an amazing interest in others and was devoted to his family. Jiří had a full life and will be greatly missed.