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RUBY LANG, MIMICO MOUNTAINEERS MATRIACH, PASSES AWAY

TORONTO, ON – The Ontario Lacrosse Association is saddened to learn of the passing of Ruby Lang early this morning. The beloved matriarch of the Mimico Mountaineers Lacrosse Club, Ruby is an inspiration to everyone involved in continuing the hard work she dedicated to the club for over 50 years.

An OLA Merv MacKenzie Award recipient (1990), OLA Life Member (1993), Thomas “Tip” Teather Trophy winner (2000), Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame Inductee (2002, Builder Category), the first ever OLA Golden Stick Award recipient marking 50 Years of Volunteer Service to the OLA (2017), Ruby was well-recognized by many in the lacrosse community for her countless contributions to the game. In 2008, Ruby Lang was honoured by the City of Toronto, alongside her best friend, Barb Cormier (pictured next to her in each of the photos on the following page), for their contributions to lacrosse in Mimico with streets named in their honour. Always together, and rarely apart, City Councillor Mark Grimes made sure that the streets Barb Cormier Heights and Ruby Lang Lane intersected.

Despite being the recipient of so many lauded awards, Ruby preferred to work quietly in the background as a tireless volunteer of both the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame & Museum and the Mimico Mountaineers Minor Lacrosse Club. Known by everyone who passed through Mimico Arena and its outdoor predecessor, the Drummond Street Bowl, Ruby’s cheerful smile greeted lacrosse families from across the province who had the privilege of knowing her. Ruby will be remembered most for her positive community-based approach to ensure opportunity and access to lacrosse for all children, and her belief in doing “whatever it took to get the job done”. Through her capacity as an OLA Life Member, she participated as a consistent representative of the OLA’s Audit Committee until as recently as 2020; a committee of which she was proud to serve.

Ruby will be sorely missed by her family and friends, and by the hundreds of lacrosse community members who had the pleasure of interacting with her as she sat in the same seating section of the Mimico Arena to enthusiastically cheer on her exalted Mountaineers each summer. She is remembered for having a positive spirit, a thoughtful and warm-hearted demeanour, a woman who loved lacrosse and loved life. The Ontario Lacrosse Association, on behalf of its membership, conveys our sincere condolences to Ruby Lang’s family and friends and the entire Mimico Lacrosse community.

Service Details: [Hogel Funeral Home](#)

The information in this release appears courtesy of Mimico Mountaineers Lacrosse Club and Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame & Museum.



Barb Cormier (L) & Ruby Lang (R) pictured during the 2017 Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame & Museum Annual Golf Tournament in Oakville, Ontario.



Ruby Lang (L) & Barb Cormier (R) pictured during the 2017 Ontario Lacrosse AGM in Niagara Falls, Ontario.



Ruby Lang (L) and Barb Cormier (C) pictured during filming of the “Legends of Lacrosse” video series at the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame and Museum in St. Catharines, Ontario. Ruby and Barb’s appearance can be seen [here](#).