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Memorial service today for author Helma Mika

Came to Canada to join boyfriend; became publishers

A woman of historical importance passed away Monday.

Helma Mika-Wladimiruk, coauthor of many books on local and Ontario history, died at the Belleville General Hospital on Monday, Oct. 9 in her 72nd year.

Helma was partner of Mika Publishing, which she ran with her husband, Nicholas "Nick" Mika-Wladimiruk.

Originally from Germany, Helma came to Canada in the early 1950s after her boyfriend, Nick, asked her to join him.

Nick and Helma were married shortly thereafter. They bought a home on Queen Street, and then later moved to Victoria Avenue. In this time, Mika Publishing was born.

Over the years, Helma and Nick worked side by side publishing many books on Ontario history. Helma worked as

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secretary-tre asurer and lent her hand for many other tasks with the firm.

A Memorial Service was held at the Belleville Funeral Home and Chapel, 68 North

Wladimiruk Front St. today at 1 p.m. With respect for family wishes there will be no visitation.

As expressions of sympathy in lieu of flowers, donations to the Quinte Humane Society would be appreciated by the family.

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