Remembering Andrew Gregorovich, a librarian and writer, artist and poet Taras Shevchenko in 2000; and he was instrumental in the City of Toronto Historical Board, from which he received a medal of service. Following his graduation from U of T with a masters of library science in 1963, he served as president of the Ukrainian National Library Association and the Ukrainian Librarians Association of Canada; board member of the Library Association of Toronto; founding editor of a Ukrainian literary magazine. The speaker was legal assistant Pat McElcheran. Andrew's illness and his death were sudden. "The timing of the two events were written in a novel, rather heavy-handedly, to pull your heartstrings," says Larissa. The family is currently working to make his legacy last.

"When Andrew found out he had cancer, he had to go on what he called the journey," says his son, Andrew senior. "He went from being a man who was always concerned about the bigger picture, to being an individual concerned with his own problems." He died at the age of 85 in 2020.

The family moved to Sea Island, B.C. during the Second World War and in 1954 moved to Toronto. In 1959, Andrew married his first wife, teacher and librarian Jennie Harmansky, with whom he had three children. "He would insist on teaching his children about the history of Ukraine," says Larissa."But the two had a lot of common interests. Andrew was a great lover of poetry and music. He was also an accomplished musician, playing the violin and the guitar. He was a great storyteller, and loved to tell jokes.

Twice widowed, Andrew shared his love and knowledge of Ukrainian culture with his family. He and his first wife, teacher, became the founder and president of the Ukrainian National Federation. "We grew up knowing and learning about Ukrainian history because it was our family's history," says Larissa. "We lived it."

Basil and Lesia. Born in Saskatoon, Andrew was the third of Ukraine-born Alexander Gregorovich's children. His father, a Ukrainian immigrant who worked as a bookkeeper, died when Andrew was 11. "He was raised by his mother," says Larissa. "She was a strong woman."

Andrew was in his 20s when he developed an interest in Ukrainian history, says Andrew senior. "He was a man who was always interested in the bigger picture." He was a member of the Ukrainian National Federation and the Ukrainian National Association of Canada. His work was an inspiration to others, says Larissa. "He was a man of great determination."