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In memoriam

The Vimy Foundation expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of Madame Helen Vari, C.M., Grand Officier de la Légion d'honneur, President of the George and Helen Vari Foundation, and honorary Co-Chair of The Vimy Foundation.

For decades, Helen Vari had been dedicated to serving her community. Through her remarkable philanthropic commitment and vision, she has been an unparalleled supporter of The Vimy Foundation, helping us to make possible the Vimy Visitor Education Centre and the Vimy Foundation Centennial Park, both at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France.

At the opening of the Vari Gate at the Vimy Foundation Centennial Park in April 2022, Madame Vari noted :

“When you step for the first time on Vimy soil, you are filled with emotion. You see all the beauty and sadness that permeate this place. And you know you are among friends. People who today reside in the area still remember what happened at Vimy and are thankful of what Canadians achieved there. You

can imagine how proud we are to contribute to this very important historical cause.”

We will always remember Madame Vari’s grace, warmth, strength, and commitment to Canada. Helen, you will be sorely missed.