

Fazie Hamid

Lipton Chartered Accountants are deeply saddened to announce that our dear friend Fazie Hamid passed away yesterday morning.

With over 25 years of dedicated service to Lipton, Fazie was far more than just an employee. Fazie was the heart and soul of Lipton; the friendly face to everyone within the firm and our many clients. Someone who can never be replaced.

We previously ran a profile about Fazie in our newsletter and we are reproducing it for you below.

When Partner Steve Altbaum interviewed Fazie Hamid on a cold February day in 1986, little did she know that, more than 25 years later, she would be celebrating a long and happy career at Lipton.

Lipton is a very special place, she says. "There's magic here. This is an office that you look forward to coming in to each morning - it's a wonderful environment where everyone is appreciated and respected."

Starting as receptionist, Fazie's role now includes additional significant administrative responsibilities. She has seen many changes over the years, as the firm has grown in size and moved to its present location to accommodate its clients, many of whom, like Fazie, have been with it for years.

"I admire our philosophy of providing excellent service to clients and a supportive environment for employees." It's the people at Lipton who count. She remembers fondly Founding Partner Harold Lipton, who was the father figure of the firm.

"This family atmosphere has continued over the years, which is one of the things I appreciate the most," she says.

Fazie has another family too! Her husband is in the computer industry, her son is a business graduate from the University of Toronto, and her daughter is diligently pursuing a double major in Geography and Communications and a Bachelor of Education at York University.

And how did she celebrate her 25 years with Lipton?

"Everyone in the firm surprised me with a party in the board room - complete with good wishes, champagne, flowers and a beautiful pair of earrings. It's a privilege to be part of the Lipton family!"

