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Flushing, New York, August 21, 2014 -- Leon Zuckrow, a 97-year-old resident of Flushing House, will read from his first book of poetry - Love & Death & Love.



Flushing Poet Leon Zuckrow

The public is welcome to attend the free reading, which takes place on September 8th, between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., in the large game room at Flushing House, 38-20 Bowne Street, Flushing, NY. Free refreshments will be served. Love & Death & Love, published by iUniverse, will be available for purchase after the reading.

The 95 poems, all without titles, were written over a 45-year period. Many of the poems focus on how he came to terms with the death of his first wife. As he passed through later periods of loss and grief, the poems explore how he once again bounced back, found new companionship and love, and went on living.

Zuckrow's writing style can best be described as lyrical and classical, rhymed and metered poetry, with occasional free verse interspersed, all drawn from the author's emotions, observations and inner thoughts, as he contemplates the major milestones in his life.

Zuckrow, born in Philadelphia, August 26, 1917, has lived in New York for most of his 97 years. He has been a widower two times, was blessed with a son and daughter by his first wife, has four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He moved into Flushing House on May 31, 2001.

One of his shorter pieces illustrates his unique, lyrical style:

Expected—the despair, the sigh and tears and moans, because she has gone where body is stripped to bones.

Yet?—silliness? laughter? frivolity? and mirth?—so scandalous after that consignment to earth!

But she decrees it! Then, when I come from above we are masters again of joy as well as love.

In revelry, not grief, she and I will resume, robbing time, that old thief, as a new bride and groom.

Zuckrow holds a Master of Arts from Columbia University (with majors in literature and education). He worked as a teacher and served in private industry and the federal government.

Built in 1974, Flushing House is the largest, not-for-profit "Independent Living" retirement community in New York State.

Go to www.flushinghouse.com for more information.

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