



City of Cambridge

R-39.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 13, 1999

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Richard Oliver West slipped quietly into the hands of his maker at his home after a lengthy illness on August 11, 1999; and

WHEREAS: Richard, the fourth of ten children of Earl and Dorothy West, was born in Boston on June 27, 1930; and

WHEREAS: Richard attended school in Boston and was a graduate of Boston Trade School; and

WHEREAS: Richard was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army where he also attended Officer's Training School; and

WHEREAS: On May 28, 1950 Richard married the love of his life, Hattie Williams and together they created a loving environment for their five children; and

WHEREAS: Richard opened the first of his several successful flower shops in 1959; and

WHEREAS: Richard also spent his time working as an electrician, a carpenter and ran for City Council in Boston in the 1960's; and

WHEREAS: Richard's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving family, his wife Hattie; his daughters Donna West, Gail Jones, employee of the Cambridge City Clerk's Office, Wendy Craigwell and Janine Carter; his son Richard, Jr.; his sons-in-law Curtis Jones, Mark Craigwell and Gary Carter; his fourteen grandchildren; his sisters Geraldine Medford, Earlene Morris, Sarah Benders; his brothers Earl and Davis; his nieces and nephews, cousins, friends, neighbors and business associates; and

WHEREAS: Richard will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Richard Oliver West at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the West family on behalf of the entire City Council.

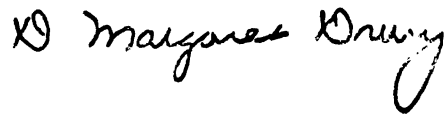
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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WHEREAS: ~~The City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of~~

Richard Oliver West on Aug. 11, 1999
Slipped quietly into ~~the~~ hands of his maker at his home, ~~and~~
~~WHEREAS: After a lengthy illness; and~~

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WEST—In Dorchester, Aug. 11, Richard O. Devoted husband of Harriet Hattie (Williams) West. Beloved father of Donna West and Richard West Jr., Gail Jones, Wendy Craigwell and Janine Carter. Brother of Geraldine Medford, Earlene Morris, Sarah Sally Benders, Earl Jr. and David West. 3 son-in-laws Curtis Jones, Mark Craigwell and Gary Carter. He is survived by 14 grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Funeral service Mon. at 11:30 a.m. at the Charles Street AME Church, 551 Warren St., Dorchester. Visiting with the family at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Richard Oliver West Scholarship Fund for Floral Design, c/o Citizens Bank, 569 Washington St., Dorchester, MA 02124. Burial Mass. National Cemetery, Bourne, MA. Arrangements Davis Funeral Home, ROXBURY.



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Richard Oliver West, 69

40-year Roxbury florist

A memorial service was held Monday for Richard Oliver West, a Roxbury florist for 40 years, who died at his home Aug. 11 of emphysema. He was 69.

A Boston native, Mr. West was the fourth of 10 children born to Earl and Dorothy West. He attended schools in Boston and graduated from Boston Trade School before entering the Army. He attended Officer Training School, where he worked his way up to staff sergeant.

In 1959, Mr. West opened the first of many flower shops in the Roxbury area.

He expanded the business in 1967, opening the Westgate Plaza where he held and catered wedding receptions and other celebratory occasions and rented formal wear.

Mr. West's daughter, Gail Jones, said her father's love for his business and dedication to the community allowed him to "help countless numbers of individuals, family members and friends along the way."

He leaves his wife, Harriet "Hattie" of Dorchester; four daughters, Donna of Brookline, Gail Jones of Dorchester, Wendy Craigwell of Dorchester, and Janine Carter of Stoughton; a son, Richard Jr. of Dorchester; three sisters, Geraldine Medford of Natick, Earlene Morris of Roxbury, and Sarah Benders of Dorchester; two brothers, Earl Jr. of Dorchester and David of Roxbury; and 14 grandchildren.

The memorial service was held at Charles Street AME Church.

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Resolution #39

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Councillor Reeves, Triantafillou, Vice
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership re:
Resolution on the death of Richard O.
West.

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ORDER ADOPTED