



City of Cambridge

49.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 1998

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

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of
Rita A. (Flanagan) Foley on January 17, 1998 at the age of eighty-two years;
and

WHEREAS: Rita was born in Cambridge and was raised in Arlington and the Somerville
areas; and

WHEREAS: At age fourteen, Rita was a musical prodigy and at age nineteen she began
teaching in Somerville public schools; and

WHEREAS: Rita directed several church choirs; taught at Northeastern Junior High School
and directed productions of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas;

WHEREAS: Rita was the organist and choir director at several churches including St. Paul's
Church in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Rita's passing will leave a void in the lives of all her surviving family, her
husband John A.; her daughters Judith E. McManmon, Maryalice Foley and
Paula J. Leibovitz; her sons John A. Jr., and Michael T.; her sisters Mary Ellen
Tighe and Josephine Fallon; her brothers Thomas and Francis Flanagan; and
her ten grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: Rita 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 **Rita A. Foley** 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 Foley family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 2, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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**REFERRED TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 2/2/98 ON
MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN.**

Councillor Sullivan

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Obituaries

Rita A. Foley, 82; choir director, performer, teacher in Somerville

By Tom Long
GLOBE STAFF

Rita A. (Flanagan) Foley, a versatile pianist and organist who taught in the Somerville public schools, directed several area church choirs, and performed backup for many big bands during their visits to Boston in the '30s and '40s, died Saturday in her Arlington home. She was 82.

According to her son, Dr. Michael T. Foley, she performed the music at thousands of weddings in Somerville and surrounding communities.

"I meet a lot of people whose weddings she performed at because I practice right next door in Arlington," he said yesterday. "They say 'she married me.' A lot of them don't

remember the name of the priest who married them, but they remember my mother played the music at their wedding."

Mrs. Foley also was accompanist at the Mary Corbett Burns Dance Studio in Somerville for many years.

She was born in Cambridge and raised in Arlington and Somerville. A musical prodigy, at age 14 she became organist and choir director at St. Catherine of Genoa Church in Somerville, a post she held for 20 years.

After graduating from Somerville High School in 1932, she attended New England Conservatory of Music. At 19, she began teaching music in the Somerville public schools. She taught at Northeastern Junior High School from 1936 to 1946 and from 1964 to 1974. She also directed productions of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas that were locally acclaimed.

She was organist and choir director at several churches, including St. Paul in Cambridge, St. Camillus in Arlington, St. Cecilia in Boston, St. Joseph in Lincoln, and St. Agnes in Arlington, where she retired in 1989.

She leaves her husband, John A.; three daughters, Judith F. McManmon of Falmouth, Maryalice of Arlington, and Paula J. Leibovitz of Winthrop; two sons, John A. Jr. of Exmore, Va., and Michael T. of Arlington; two sisters, Mary Ellen Tighe of Westwood and Josephine Fallon of Arlington; two brothers, Thomas Flanagan of Madison, Conn., and Francis Flanagan of Arlington; and 10 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be said at 11 a.m. today in St. Agnes Church in Arlington.



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Consent Order #49

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Councillor Sullivan and entire
membership re: Resolution on
the death of Rita A. (Flanagan)
Foley.

In City Council January 26, 1998
All items carried forward to be a part
of City Council Meeting of 2/2/98 on
motion of Councillor Sullivan.

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ORDER ADOPTED