



City of Cambridge

R-65.

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 26, 1999

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

WHEREAS: This day the City council honors a true and patriotic son of Cambridge, Edward "Eddie" J. Sheehan; and

WHEREAS: Edward was born on July 16, 1932 in the Cambridge Municipal Hospital to Elizabeth (Fitzgerald), originally of Trallee, County Kerry, Ireland and Daniel Sheehan of East Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Edward grew up on Spring Street, as the only boy in a family of six children, with his sisters Mary Theresa Burke, the late Catherine Hanlon, Barbara Hall, the late Dorothy Johnson and Patricia Duarte; and

WHEREAS: Edward attended Sacred Heart School from 1938 to 1948; and

WHEREAS: After their teenage years of getting into mischief together, Edward and his best friends Anthony (Onty) Simanski and Bernie Flannery joined the U.S. Army together; and

WHEREAS: A year later, the Korean War began, and Edward's unit, L Company, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, was one of the first on the scene; and

WHEREAS: Edward was "career Army;" he saw combat action in both the Korean War and the Vietnam war; he rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant; and he served twenty years in the U.S. Army before he retired from the service on December 1, 1978; and

WHEREAS: On October 19, 1960, Edward married the love of his life, Matilda Sheehan, in Darmstadt, Germany; and

WHEREAS: The marriage of Edward and Matilda was blessed with eight children, Klaus Zieba, Jurek Zieba, Edith Zieba, Rainer Sheehan, Daniel Sheehan, John Sheehan, Christiane Sheehan and Michael Sheehan; and in turn, as the children grew up and started their own families, fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: Edward passed away on July 3, 1978; and

WHEREAS: Edward loved his family, his city and his country and risked his life to protect what he held dear; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby dedicates the corner of Sixth and Spring Streets as **S. Sgt. Edward J. Sheehan Square**; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Sheehan family at the dedication on Saturday, September 18, 1999 on behalf of the entire City Council.

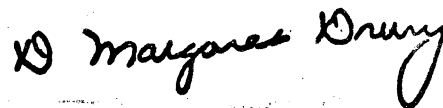
In City Council July 26, 1999.

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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7/26/99 "Eddie"

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Saturday September 18

- 1) S SGT Edward J. Sheehan
- 2) Eddie
- 3) July 16, 1932 Municipal Hospital Cambridge (d.o.b.)
- 4) July 3, 1978 (d.o.d.)
- 5) Matilda Sheehan (wife)
- 6) October 19, 1960 Darmstadt, Germany (married)
- 7) Klaus Zieba, Jurek Zieba, Edith Zieba, Rainer Sheehan, Daniel Sheehan, John Sheehan, Christiane Sheehan and Michael Sheehan. (children)
- 8)
- 9) 14 Grandchildren
- 10) 2 Great-Grandchildren
- 11) S.SGT U.S. Army August 30, 1949 - December 1, 1970
Combat Veteran of Korean War and Viet Nam War

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Matilda Sheehan (wife's address)
344 Evereteze Way
Cambridge, Ma. 02141
(617)661-9079

* 20 yr retired
US Army

12) Retired from Army

Attendee Sacred Heart School

~~Worked~~ where corner is being dedicated,
6th & Spring there was a store there called
"Pops" where Eddie would go a lot.

(over)

Sisters: Theresa
Kay
Dittie
Barbara
Patsy

Parents Elizabeth & Daniel



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

(617) 349-4280

Fax (617) 349-4287

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Steve White, Deputy Commissioner
FROM: Sandra Albano, Assistant to the City Council
SUBJECT: Sheehan Dedication
DATE: August 17, 1999

Enclosed please find a copy of a resolution passed by the City Council designating the corner of Sixth & Spring Streets as the Edward J. Sheehan Square.

Please be advised that the dedication will take place on **Saturday, September 18th at Noon** at the above mentioned location. I will need a PA system and Podium for the event.

After consulting with the family, they would like a Metal sign and it should read as follows:

S. Sgt. Edward J. Sheehan Square

Veteran of Korea & VietNam

U.S. Army

If you have any questions, please call me at x4280.

cc: Mr. Freddie Cabral
Ms. D. Margaret Drury

Enclosure

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In 1924 a beautiful, quiet, shy, 19 year old Irish girl from Trallee, County Kerry, Ireland boarded a ship in Cobh Harbor, Cork, Ireland. She was all alone and like thousands of Irish had before her and after her she was seeking a better life. The ship headed for America. It passed the Statue of Liberty and landed in New York. The girls name was Elizabeth Fitzgerald my grandmother. She then took a train to Lowell, Ma. She stayed about a year or two then went to Charlestown to stay with a family named Lynch she knew from Ireland. She went to work at the Nabisco Co. on Main St. in Central Sq. Cambridge. Every Saturday night the young Irish people would go to the Hibernian Club in Roxbury to dance and reminisce about Ireland. There she met a handsome young Irish boy named Daniel Sheehan who lived at 504 Cambridge St East Cambridge. They fell in love and were married at St Francis De Sale Church in Charlestown on November 15, 1929 just after the Stock Market Crash and the start of the depression. They lived at 8 Ninth St (now Fulkerson St) then moved to 180 Spring St a six family house below Duckup McCarthy and his Family. The house is no longer there. It was approximately where the Kennedy School Cafeteria is now. They had five daughters Mary Theresa Burke (my mother), the late Catherine Hanlon (aunt Kay), Barbara Hall (aunt Barbara), the late Dorothy Johnson (aunt Dotty), Patricia Duarte (aunt Pat). They also had one son the late SSG Edward J. Sheehan (uncle Eddie) I'm reminded of him every time one of my nieces or nephews calls me uncle Eddie. He is the man we are here to honor today. Eddie was born July 16, 1932 in the Cambridge Municipal Hospital. He attended Sacred Heart School From 1938-1948 where I understand he charmed the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Especially a Sister Agatha. (Boy I wish I could have charmed the Nuns at Sacred Heart). Eddie was always working little jobs as a kid to make money. In the summer he worked for a Mr. Broderic selling ice cream at parades, the parks & lunch time at the many factories that were in East Cambridge at that time. His sisters were happy when he didn't sell all the ice cream because they would get to eat what was left when he came home. He also worked in the variety store that was on this corner called Pop's. I understand he kept his sister Barbara's sweet tooth satisfied with lots of free candy and his sister Dotty stocked up with devil dogs. (When I was a kid the store here was first called Cappy's then Nonni's. There was always a box of free cream donuts here. But you had to get up early to beat Johnny Deeb or Bobby Britto to them. I never could figure out who left them here for us. I still get nervous when ever I stand on this corner thinking Officer Quinton is going kick me off). Eddie had two special friends and the three of them were known as the Irishman, the Pole & the Italian. Eddie was the Irishman. The Pole was (Onty) Anthony Simanski. Onty lived in the building

that was here and his father took care of Hurri Gurri Hall that was upstairs. The Italian was Bernie Flannery (his mother was Italian). Bernie lived in the Pickle Block (thats the building at 8th & Thorndike Sts for you younger folks and people new to East Cambridge). They were known to get into a little mischief now and then. So they decide to join the Army on the buddy plan. (like my brother Billy, Cubby & Pauly Deeb twenty years later) A year later the Korean War broke out and Eddie's unit L Co., 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division was one of the first there.



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C. Toomey

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ORDER ADOPTED