



City of Cambridge

25.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 5, 1998

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
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MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
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WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the untimely passing of Alice Marie (Wilson) Freeman on September 25, 1998; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been diminished by the death of our dear Alice Freeman; and

WHEREAS: Alice Freeman was an exemplary Cantabrigian whose life was lived with boldness and panache. She was a doer and a leader and she had many, many affiliations both in Cambridge and beyond; and

WHEREAS: Alice Freeman was a loving wife and mother; yet her roots were in several gardens in addition – her church and her city. She was a pillar of the First Baptist Church where she was no pew warmer, but a real Christian and Churchwoman -- she loved her church family and it was an integral part of her world; and

WHEREAS: Alice Freeman also loved her city, she was a real Cantabrigian. While she was not born here, she became a part of Cambridge as much as you can be of Cambridge through and through – Whatever Cambridge is today, she had a role in the making of this City; and

WHEREAS: One of her single achievements was her role as a founder and member of the Cambridge Black Historical and Cultural Society which in partnership with the Cambridge Public Library has for more than twenty-five years planned and executed Cambridge's annual Black History Month celebration in Cambridge - assuring that this community would have a full sense of her lineage as well; and

WHEREAS: Alice's passing will leave a void in the lives of all her surviving family, her husband Floyd; her son Floyd Carter; her daughter Lois Bennett and her cousins living in Philadelphia and Virginia; and

WHEREAS: Alice will be sorely missed by all she touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Alice M. Freeman 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 Freeman family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 5, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

FREEMAN—Of Cambridge, passed away unexpectedly, on Friday, Sept. 25, Alice Marie (Wilson). Beloved wife of Floyd Freeman. Devoted mother of Floyd Carter Freeman and Lois Bennett. She is survived by a host of cousins in Philadelphia and Williamsburg, VA, other relatives and friends. Funeral Service Thursday, ~~Oct. 1~~, 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 5 Magazine St., (Central Sq.) Cambridge. Visiting hours at the Church Wednesday 3-8 p.m. Relatives and friends most kindly invited. Interment private. Arrangements by the A.J. Spears Funeral Home, 124 Western Ave., CAMBRIDGE, (Nr Central Sq.).

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Whereas - Alice Freeman also loved her city. She was a real Cantabrigian through and through. While she was not born here she became a part of Cambridge as much as you can be of Cambridge through and through -- whatever Cambridge is today she had a role in the making of this City.

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PROCLAMATION

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RESOLVED: That I, Kenneth E. Reeves, City Councillor for the City of Cambridge do hereby thank **Alice Freeman** for her gracious demeanor, her wit and wisdom, her stellar example of how to live a full and exciting life – even into the last days.

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The Mayor
& City
Council.

Signed this 1ST day of October, Ninety Hundred Ninety Eight.

Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves

As the years go on and on,
I wonder how it will all end.
But I know not to worry as long
As I have family and friends.

----Alice.
1994

Funeral Service

For

Alice M. Freeman

1918



1998

Viewing

Wednesday, September 30, 1998
3:00-8:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

5 Magazine Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Rev. Kirk Higbee-Barzola, Officiating

Acknowledgement

The Family wishes to express their deep and sincere appreciation to everyone for their kindness, prayers and love shown during this time of bereavement.

Prepared by
A.J. Spears Funeral Home

Obituary

Alice Marie Freeman

January 15, 1918

September 25, 1998

Alice Freeman departed from this life on Friday, September 25, 1998. The daughter of the late Charles Edward Wilson and Georgianna Ware, she was born in Philadelphia on January 15, 1918. After graduating from Girls High School in 1935, she attended Berean Business School for which she was the commencement speaker in 1938. Alice moved to Boston in 1939 and later married Floyd Freeman in 1945. They recently celebrated their 50th anniversary on a Caribbean cruise.

She was an extremely energetic person who committed a lifetime of community service. Among the many organizations she served, too many to list, she was actively involved with the Women's Service Club of Boston, Inc., NAACP, Travelers Aid Society of Boston, Foster Grandparent program, and was a volunteer reader with the Mass. Commission for the Blind. She directed two shows for the 464 Community Workshop to raise money for a children's camp fund. She was also a devote member of the First Baptist Church for 45 years.

She was past presidents of both the Women's Service Club and the Boston City Federation of Organizations. In addition, she was appointed to the Governor's Commission for the Status of Women, received the Priscilla Hunt award from the Cambridge Public Library, and named one of "350 Outstanding Boston Citizens" by the Museum of African American History. Earlier this year she received the prestigious Sojourner Truth Award from the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs which included a citation from President Clinton.

As a Public Affairs Specialist, Alice retired from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in 1984. She has a B.S.B.A. from Boston University, certificates from Simmons College, Mass Bay Community College, Northeastern University, Boston College, and Civil Service Administration.

She leaves to cherish her memory a loving husband, Floyd Freeman; devoted children Floyd Carter Freeman and Lois Bennett; daughter-in-law Ann Freeman, son-in-law Charles Bennett; step-granddaughter Christina Spearman-Bennett, step-great granddaughter Jordan of New Jersey; cousins Bertha and Edward Wood, Hope Brown, Charlie Brown, Brenda Pringle, Linda Davis, Freddie Hook, Leonard Hook all from Philadelphia; and a host of other relatives and friends.

*In profound sorrow
The Family*

Order of Service

October 1, 1998

10:00 a.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Mr. Stephen Rogers,
Organist

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

SOLOIST "His Eye is on The Sparrow" Ms. Ruth Hamilton

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF CARDS, TELEGRAMS, ETC.

EULOGIES

HYMN, page 89 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

SOLOIST "Amazing Grace" Ms. Ruth Hamilton

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION BLESSING

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Please join us for refreshments following the service in the Vestry.

The Family would like to thank the members of the First Baptist Church for their endless support, prayers and assistance.

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Consent Order #25

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Councillor Reeves and entire membership
re: resolution on the death of Alice M.
Freeman.

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ORDER ADOPTED