



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 6, 1999

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RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Melvin H. Robbins 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 Robbins family on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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

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DEATHS

PETERSON—Of Peabody and formerly of Topsfield, Nov. 24, Lester F., 88 years, husband of Lucy F. (Gelat) Peterson, M. and Wayne E. son of Donna M. and Geraldine E. son of Shrewsbury, Peabody and Leslie A. Harwood of Peabody. Beloved father of Peter and Liane Magavero and Helen James both of Lynnfield and Marla Kay of Andover; grandfather of Wendy Vignaro of Natick, Leigh Nigro of Columbia, SC, Alyssa Harwood of Newburyport and Rachael Harwood of W. Newbury. Also brother of the late Gertrude McManus. His funeral will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. from the Cahill-Bridgaur Funeral Home, 20 Church St., PEABODY followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Peabody Baptist Church, 16 Church St. Peabody. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Visiting hours Friday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Woburn. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Joslin Diabetes Center, 1500 Francis Pkwy., Boston, MA 02215. Former owner and operator of Peterson Ford Sales in Topsfield.

PICOZZI—Of West Roxbury November 24th, Richard A. beloved husband of Jean (Lafayette) Picozzi. Beloved father of Richard J. Picozzi of New Jersey and Barbara Ann McCormack of Andover, loving grandfather of Kelly Ann McCormack, brother of Edward Picozzi of Canton and Christina Picozzi of Beverly. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Robt. Center St. WEST ROXBURY Saturday November 27th at 8:00 a.m. Funeral Mass in St. John Chrysostom Church at 9:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Visiting hours Friday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery, Late Army Veteran WW II. Club and active parishioner of St. John Chrysostom Church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Richard's memory to St. John Chrysostom Church, 4760 Washington St. West Roxbury, 02132.

RADIN—On Wednesday, November 24th, Frank of Brockton, formerly of Randolph. Beloved husband of the late Sonia Gerud. Devoted father of Bonnie Berlin of Carver. Brother of Betty and Harold. Services at the Le-RANDOLPH on Friday, November 26th at 11:00 AM. There will be no memorial week. Remembrances may be made to the Webster Lincoln Lodge #14 K. of L., c/o Joseph of the American Heart Assoc., MA 02368 Framingham, MA 01701-4888.

ROBBINS—On Wednesday, November 24, Melvin H. of Cambridge. Beloved husband of Phyllis (Davis). Loving father of Peter, Deborah Robbins and Leonard & Terry Robbins. Cherished grandfather of Laura & Julia Robbins and Brian & Rachel Robbins. Dear brother of Lorna Helms and the late Thelma Mazer. Services were held at the Chapel, 590 DOKLINE, on Wednesday, Nov. 24. Remembrances may be made to the General Hospital, Box 251, 55 Fruit St., Boston, 02114. Mr. Robbins was a well-known and respected portrait artist for many years.

RUBICO—Of Peabody, Nov. 24, Amelia C. (Cecchino) Rubico, age 90. Wife of the late Anthony J. Rubico and devoted mother of Anthony J. Rubico of Tewksbury, Janet MacWhinnie of Lowell, Janet Buono and Marie DiBella both of Peabody and Sandra Ellis of Revere. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Funeral will be held on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. from the Conway Funeral Home, 12 Chestnut St. Ann's Church, Lynn St. Peabody at 10:30 a.m. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Visiting hours Friday 4-8 p.m. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation, 40 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

SAUER—Of Acton, formerly of Concord, N.H., 23 James A. Sauer, 80, died Nov. 24, 1999.

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SWANSON—Of Woburn, formerly of Quincy, Nov. 24, Wilhelm O. Beloved husband of the late May (Lund). Devoted father of Darlene Mesrobian of Ridge Island, Donna Bahrick of Chelmsford and Debra Tal of Reading. Loving grandfather of Christa Mesrobian, Joff and Robyn Bahrick. Brother of Berta Swanson, Elsa Oberg, and Greta Swanson. Burial in the Mount Sinai Funeral Home, 54 Pleasant St., WOBURN by Rev. Jed Snyder on Saturday at 11 AM. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Services will conclude with interment at Woodbrook Cemetery, Woburn.

THOMPSON—In East Boston, Nov. 23, Helen J. in her 98th year. Beloved sister of the late Alfred G. and Ernest Thompson. Graveside services will be held Friday morning at 10:30 in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Late retired City of Boston School Teacher.

TOMASETTI—Of Watertown, November 22, Francis Albert "Sparky" Tomasetti. Beloved husband of the late Edna C. (Maddalena) Tomasetti. Devoted father of Donald F. and Paul A. Dear brother of Mary Albena Mercat, Mathilda Felling, Clara D'Amico, and the late John William Tomasetti and Margaret Cala. Loving grandfather of Laura and Lynn Tomasetti. Three and friends are kindly invited to visit hours on Fri. from 6-8 PM in the MacDonald Rockwell & MacDonald Funeral Home at 270 Main St., Rte. 2A, WATERTOWN. The funeral service and interment will be at the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Watertown. He was a lifelong musician, played trombone, guitar and bass fiddle, and arranged and taught music. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Development Office, 738 Cambridge St., Brighton, 02135.

TRAVERS—James W. of Rockland, Nov. 23, age 63. Husband of Nancy E. Dymert-Travers, and the late Carole (Williams) Travers. Father of Deborah A. Travers-Fitter. Travers, Donna L. Walpole of Edgartown, Mary Vance of Whitman, Marlene McAvonia of Plymouth, Hugh McAvonia of Hanson, Gregory of Mattitux and Gail McAvonia of Hanson. Also survived by 15 grandchildren. Funeral from the Macoun Regins Funeral Home, 135 Union St., ROCKLAND on Saturday at 8:15 AM. Funeral Mass in Holy Family Church at 9:00 AM. Calling hours Friday 8-9 PM. Memorial donations to Triangle House, 167 W. Water St., Rockland, MA 02370. For directions and additional information, www.magounregins.com.

UNIAKKE—Mary J. (Day) of Quincy, formerly of Mattapan, November 24, 1999. Beloved mother of Thomas W. of Bourne, Kevin of Walpole and Joseph P. Uniakke of Dedham. NC. Sister of Katherine Lalor of Dedham and James Day. Also survived by eight grandchildren. Funeral from the Dennis Cecil ST. QUINCY CENTER on Saturday morning at 10:00. Funeral Mass in St. John Church at 11:00. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Visiting hours Friday 2-4 and 7-9 PM. Interment in Joseph Cemetery. May be made to Boston St. Joseph's Television Station, PO Box 9109 New Bedford, MA 02460-9109.

VENGREN—In Dracut, November 23 at his residence, Walter J. Jr. Beloved husband of Laurette (Provencher) Vengren. Her husband Paul and Robert Vengren, all of Dracut. Grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren. 4 brothers and 5 sisters. U.S. Army Paratrooper, member of Dracut Rotary Club and Past District Governor. Burial in St. Mary's Church, Dracut, MA. Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Calling hours Friday 2 to 5 and 7 to 8 PM. Burial in Greater Lowell Hospice, PO Box 1965, Lowell, MA 01853 or Greater Lowell Rotary Club, PO Box 439, Dracut, MA 01826. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, E. Chelmsford, MA.

THE BOSTON GLOBE • THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1999

Obituaries

Joseph B. Kerrissey, 81; wa
of city elderly affairs commBy Tom Long
GLOBE STAFF

Joseph B. Kerrissey, former commissioner on affairs of the elderly in Boston, died Monday in Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston. He was 81.

Mr. Kerrissey, of Milton, was born in Boston and raised in Roxbury. He graduated from Boston University.

A stocky, blue-eyed, cheerful man, he went into the electrical business after serving in the Navy during World War II and became involved in community work at Little House in Dorchester.

"I went there part time at first," he said in a story published in the Globe on April 9, 1971. "But one of my problems is that I always get involved too much in things and I wound up becoming the director. It was a transition period for settlement houses then. They were changing from being strictly recreational to being social and involved with the neighborhood and dealing with everyone from tiny tots to senior citizens."

He was asked to represent Massachusetts at a conference on the subject in Washington. When he came back, Mayor Kevin White, who had just been elected, asked him to be the city's commissioner on Affairs of the Elderly in 1968.

SYLVIA SMITH

Sylvia Smith, 84

Worked in Boston public schools

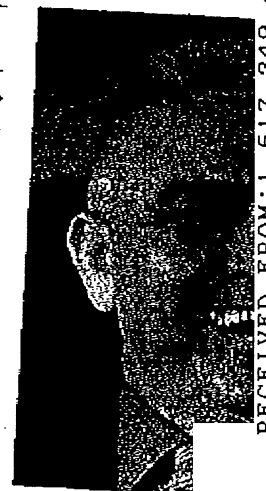
Sylvia (Bynoe) Smith of Mashpee, a paraprofessional in the Boston public schools and a cosmetologist, died of cancer Sunday in New England Baptist Hospital. She was 84.

Mrs. Smith was born in Barbados. She immigrated to Boston with her family when she was 13 years old. She graduated from Roxbury Memorial High School and Poro School of Beauty Culture.

In 1966, at the age of 51, she worked as a paraprofessional at William Monroe Trotter Elementary School in Dorchester and returned to school, earning an associate's degree at Lesley College. She retired in 1980.

She leaves her husband, Harry D.; two daughters, Sylvia Neighbors and Judith Burnett; two sisters, Edna Smith and Ella Callender; two brothers, George Bynoe and John Bynoe; and a grandson.

A funeral service will be held at



JOSEPH B. KERRISSEY

offer services to straighten Social Security and welfare rights and problems with legal benefits. It was set in two schools and run co-

neighborhood organization. Under Mr. Kerrissey, the city took over the program began offering the lunch

tions throughout the city. He also instituted a regular eye examinations in conjunction with the University Medical Center at City Hospital and a direct program for Social checks. He was particularly

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