



City of Cambridge

R-20.

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 1, 1999

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

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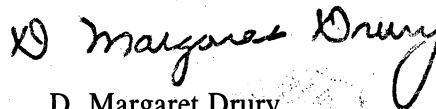
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



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City Clerk

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October 18, 1999

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VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

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(INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE)

FOR USE BY
PHYSICIANS AND
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
REGISTRY OF VITAL RECORDS AND STATISTICS

REGISTERED NUMBER

STATE USE ONLY

453

STATE USE
ONLY

1.

AGE 74

HOSPITAL 78

2.

RACE

NATIVITY 20

RESIDENCE 34

OUT OF
STATE 37

CENSUS 41

AUTOPSY

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ACK INK ONLY

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DECEDENT

DISPOSITION

CAUSE OF
DEATH

CERTIFIER

DECEDENT - NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SEX	DATE OF DEATH (Mo., Day, Yr.)	
1		LEO	FRANCIS	DAVENPORT	MALE	MAY 1, 1982	
PLACE OF DEATH (CITY OR TOWN)		COUNTY OF DEATH		HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - Name (If not in either, give street and number)			IF IN HOSPITAL D.O.A. (Yes or No)
4a CAMBRIDGE		4b MIDDLESEX		4c YOUNVILLE HOSPITAL			4d NO
RACE (e.g. White, Black, American Indian, etc.) - Specify	AGE - Last Birthday (Yr.)	UNDER 1 YEAR MOS. DAYS	UNDER 1 DAY HOURS MINS	DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Yr.)		STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A., name country)	
5 WHITE	6a 59	6b	6c	MARCH 7, 1923		MASSACHUSETTS	
MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED	SPOUSE (If w./e. give maiden name)		USUAL OCCUPATION (Print - If Retired)		KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY		
9 MARRIED	10 E. JANE TADDEO		11a POLICE OFFICER		11b CAMBRIDGE POLICE CHIEF		
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		IF U.S. WAR VETERAN SPECIFY WAR	RESIDENCE - STREET AND NUMBER CITY OR TOWN, COUNTY, STATE, ZIP CODE				
12 022 07 3683		13 WWII	14 10 HASKELL ST CAMBRIDGE MIDDLESEX MASS 02140				
FATHER - FULL NAME		STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A. name country)		MOTHER NAME (GIVEN MAIDEN)		STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A. name country)	
15a JOHN A DAVENPORT		15b MASS		16a MARGARET SALMON		16b MASS	
INFORMANT - NAME AND ADDRESS						RELATIONSHIP	
17a E. JANE DAVENPORT 10 HASKELL ST CAMBRIDGE MA						17b WIFE	
TYPE OF DISPOSITION (Specify Burial, Cremation, Other)		DATE OF DISPOSITION		PLACE OF DISPOSITION AND LOCATION		CITY OR TOWN STATE	
18a BURIAL		18b MAY 5, 1982		18c MOUNT AUBURN		CAMBRIDGE MASS	
FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSEE		NAME OF FACILITY		ADDRESS OF FACILITY			
19a CHARLES KEEFE JR.		19b KEEFE FUNERAL HOME		19c 2175 MASS AVE CAMBRIDGE			
20 IMMEDIATE CAUSE (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c)) (PRINT OR TYPE LEGIBLY)							
PART I (a) RESPIRATORY FAILURE						Interval between onset and death 12 hrs	
DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF							
(b) ASPIRATION PNEUMONIA						Interval between onset and death 3 days	
DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF							
(c) GLIOBLASTOMA MULTIFORME OF BRAIN						Interval between onset and death JUNE 1981	
PART II OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS - Conditions contributing to death but not related in cause given in Part I (a)						AUTOPSY (Yes or No)	
21 SEIZURES						22 NO	
ACC. SUICIDE, HOM. UNDET. OR PENDING INVEST (Specify)		DATE OF INJURY (Mo., Day, Yr.)		HOUR OF INJURY		DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED	
23		24a		24b		24c	
INJURY AT WORK (Specify Yes or No)		PLACE OF INJURY - At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify)		LOCATION STREET		CITY OR TOWN STATE	
24d		24e		24f			
25a To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated				26a On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated			
(Signature and Title) <i>Pran Kumar Gulati MD</i>				(Signature and Title) <i>Paul A. Lamothe</i>			
DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.) 5-1-82				HOUR OF DEATH 8:30 A.M.			
25b NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or Print) PAUL A. LAMOTHE				26b PRONOUNCED DEAD (Mo., Day, Yr.) ON			
25c NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN OR MEDICAL EXAMINER (Type or Print) PREMK. GULATI 1575 CAMBRIDGEST CAMBRIDGE - 02238				26c PRONOUNCED DEAD (Hour) AT			
28 BURIAL PERMIT ISSUED ON MAY 2, 1982				29 RECEIVED IN THE CITY OR TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE			
SIGNATURE - BD HEALTH AGT <i>Francis Flaherty</i>				CLERK'S SIGNATURE <i>Paul A. Lamothe</i>			
				(DATE RECEIVED) MAY 5 1982			

OCT 28 1999

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST:

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



Leo F. Davenport, 59, police chief in Cambridge; 'lived for his job'

Cambridge Police Chief Leo Francis Davenport, 59, died of pulmonary arrest yesterday morning in Youville Hospital, Cambridge. He had been in and out of the hospital since mid-June last year when he took sick leave because of a brain tumor.

Widely admired by fellow officers as an "honest and dedicated cop who ... came up through the ranks and ... lived for his job," Chief Davenport was the son of late Cambridge news dealer John Alfred Davenport who operated the old Elliott Agency more than 60 years.

Born in Brighton on March 7, 1923, and educated in Cambridge, where he lived the last 50 years — most of them at 10 Haskell st. — Chief Davenport would have retired this June 30 with 33 years of service in the Cambridge Police Department. He joined the force Oct. 26, 1948 as a patrol officer.

After spending his early assignments until 1952 on foot patrol and on the old three-wheel traffic motorcycles, enforcing traffic ordinances, and then in a car patrolling the Central Square area, he had a steady rise through the ranks to the chief's office. He was promoted to sergeant in 1957 and joined the old Bureau of Criminal Investigation (now the Criminal Investigation Division).

By the mid-1960s he had again been promoted to lieutenant and was second in command of the criminal division. When he was sworn in as captain by then-Chief Francis J. Pisanif on Jan. 28, 1975, he was placed in command of that department.

After topping the Civil Service examination tests, he was appointed chief at the age of 54 by City Manager James L. Sullivan and sworn into his new duties on May 9, 1977. He replaced acting chief Nicholas Fratto.

Throughout his career Mr. Davenport frequently was cited for his heroism and received some 25 commendations. The most recent occurred when as a captain Mr. Davenport and Det. Ronald Ellis came upon a holdup in a market, a shootout ensued and the suspects were captured without any injuries.

Fellow officers recall another episode, in 1958, when then Sgt. Davenport crawled more than 100 feet up the steeple of St. Paul's Church in Harvard Square to confront a burglar with a knife. He disarmed him and brought him safely to the ground.



Leo Davenport with his granddaughter Jennifer Wolfe, shown in May 1977 when he was sworn in as the chief of police.

One of the chief's proudest accomplishments, according to Lt. Edwin Peterson, a brother-in-law, was the unveiling of the \$620,000 computerized police communications system for Cambridge in November 1981. "That took us out of the dark ages and brought the department up to date," said Peterson. Officially dedicated in Chief Davenport's name because of the effort he expended in developing it, the system gives Cambridge offices instant access to local, state and national crime files.

Chief Davenport survived political attack and innuendo, internal departmental incidents, Proposition 2½ cutbacks, other budgetary headaches, and his share of ugly Big City incidents with racial overtones such as the fatal stabbing of a youth at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School in 1980, but nowhere in his long career did the spectre of scandal tarnish it.

His son, Keith, 35, of Billerica, a probation officer in Cambridge's Third District Court, describes his father as "always an intense guy who followed through on anything he did. He taught my sister, Jane Marie (Wolfe), and me to be independent and to handle our own problems ... and to be responsible."

Proud of him? Absolutely. Even if he were not my father, I would always respect him. For him the greatest thing was his family, and the second was becoming chief in Cambridge.

Chief Davenport also leaves his wife, Emma Jane (Caddeo) of Cambridge, and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be said in St. John's Church, North Cambridge, at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Mt. Auburn Cemetery. WILLIAM P. COUGHLIN

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ORDER ADOPTED