



City of Cambridge

19.

IN CITY COUNCIL
February 1, 1999

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

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of Joseph John Rakauskas on January 23, 1999 at the age of eighty-two; and

WHEREAS: Joseph was born and educated in Cambridge schools; was employed by General Electric in Everett; was a United States Naval Veteran of World War II ; and

WHEREAS: Joseph was involved in six major campaigns in the Middle East, Mediterranean, Europe, the North Sea and Normandy; and

WHEREAS: Joseph worked in Cambridge as an electrician after the war and retired in 1994; and

WHEREAS: Joseph's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving family, his daughter Elizabeth Teresa Schemmer; and his sister Anna; and

WHEREAS: Joseph 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 Joseph John Rakauskas 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 Rakauskas family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 1, 1999.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk

Joseph J. Rakauskas, 82 electrician, Navy vet

Joseph John Rakauskas of Naples, Fla., and previously of Cambridge and Framingham, a retired electrician and Navy veteran, died Saturday in Naples of natural causes. He was 82.

Born in Cambridge, he was educated in the local schools.

Mr. Rakauskas worked for General Electric in Everett making superchargers for bombers and fighters before World War II.

He volunteered for the Navy in 1942 and saw combat in six major campaigns in the Middle East, Mediterranean, and Europe during the invasions of Africa, Sicily, Salerno and Anzio aboard LST-369. He was also in the North Sea and at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 on LST-060.

After the Normandy invasion his ship set a record by making more than a hundred cross-

channel trips carrying supplies for General George Patton's Third Army. He left the Navy in 1946 as a Storekeeper First Class.

Mr. Rakauskas worked in Cambridge as an electrician after the war. He retired in 1994 in Framingham after several heart attacks.

In 1996 he moved to Naples, Fla., to be closer to his daughter and her family.

Husband of the late Agnes Katherine (Henihan), he is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Teresa Schemmer of Naples, Fla.; and a sister, Anna of Medford.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in St. Paul's Cathedral, Harvard Square.

Burial is in Cambridge Cemetery, Cambridge.

Arrangements by Keefe Funeral Home, Cambridge.

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and North America; and

WHEREAS: Joseph was employed as the City of Cambridge Electrician
where he retired in 1946; and

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Consent Order #19 115R

Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
re: resolution on the death of Joseph John
Rakauskas.

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ORDER ADOPTED