



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 11, 1995

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

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of **Father Paul A. Chaisson** on November 19, 1995 at the age of seventy-five; and

WHEREAS: Father Paul was a long-time resident of Cambridge, having attended Our Lady of Pity School in Cambridge and was ordained a Priest by Arch Bishop Richard Cardinal Cushing in Boston on February 3, 1947 and served as a Priest for forty years in the Society of Mary; and

WHEREAS: Father Paul taught high school for two years before he took the position of fund raising for the Marist Missions in Oceania; and

WHEREAS: Father Paul's passing will leave a void in the lives of all of his surviving friends and family, his sister Doris C. Britt, his nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS: Father Paul 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 **Father Paul A. Chaisson** 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 Chaisson family on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk

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COUNCILLOR *SULLIVAN*
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WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of
FATHER PAUL A. CHAISSON on November 19, 1995; and *at the age of*

WHEREAS: *Paul was a longtime resident of Cambridge, having attended Our Lady of Pity School in Cambridge. and was ordained a Priest by Arch bishop Richard Cardinal Cushing in Boston on February 3, 1947, and served as a Priest for forty years.*

WHEREAS: *in the Society of Mary, and.*

As an infant Paul contracted Polio which left him weak in one leg and had a recurrence later in life and was hospitalized for months in Guadacanal and in 1953 returned to the United States.

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CHAISSON—In Boston, November 19, Rev. Paul A. Chaisson S.M. Beloved brother of Doris C. Britt of Waltham and the late Raymond and Jeannette Chaisson. Survived by 6 nieces and nephews. Father Chaisson will be lying in state in Our Lady of Victory Shrine, 27 Isabella St., Boston Tuesday 3-9 p.m. There will be a Prayer Service Tuesday evening 7:30 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be concelebrated Wednesday at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Donations may be sent to the Father Paul Memorial Fund, Marist Mission Office, 29 Isabella St., Boston. Arrangements by Keefe Funeral Home, CAMBRIDGE.

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Florence I. Lavoie

Homemaker

Florence I. "Iola" (Roy) Lavoie died Nov. 24 at her home after a lengthy illness. She was 78.

She was educated in Cambridge public schools and lived in Cambridge for many years prior to moving to Wakefield 17 years ago.

She was a homemaker and was active in St. Florence Church in Wakefield and a member of the Ladies Sodality, and the Holiday Craft Fair committee.

She was the wife of Joseph H. Lavoie and mother of Joseph C. of Framingham, Paul J. of Pittsfield, NH, Thomas E. of Salt Lake City, Utah, William F. Lavoie of Reading, Jeanette M. Pollock of Chelsea and Alice L. Foley of North Reading. She was the sister of Joseph Roy of Franklin, Virginia Galassi of Lexington, Ellen Stace and Yvonne Hesketh of Somerville, June Pollock of Medway and the late Lucille Seward and Helen Roy. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and six great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Nov. 28 at St. Florence Church in Wakefield followed by burial at Forest Glade Cemetery.

Virginia M. Shaughnessy

Secretary

Virginia M. (Burns) Shaughnessy died Nov. 22 at her home in Lexington after a brief illness.

She was 73.

Born in Cambridge, she was a longtime resident of Arlington, before moving to Lexington 17 years ago. She was a secretary for the Arlington School Department for 20 years, retiring in 1992. She was in the Coast Guard during World War II. and was a member of St. Brigid Church Sodality in Lexington.

She was the wife of James T. and mother of Thomas of Hartford, Conn., Jay of Somerville, Shawn of Watertown, Patricia Butler of Scottsdale, Ariz., MaryLou Coluzzo of Winchester, Virginia of Berkley and Jane O'Brien of Winchester. She was the sister of Paul Burns of Belmont and John Burns of Arlington. she is also survived by eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held Nov. 25 at St. Brigid Church in Lexington followed by burial at the National Cemetery in Bourne.

Arrangements were made by the John C. Burns and Sons Funeral Home.

Paul A. Chaisson

Priest

Father Paul A. Chaisson, S.M., died Nov. 19 at Youville Hospital after a long illness. He was 75.

He was a longtime resident of Cambridge and attended Our Lady of Pity School of Cambridge and was a priest in the Society of Mary for 40 years, where he raised funds for hundreds of Marist missionary priests, bishops and people they served in the

South Pacific, Africa, South America and Asia.

He received his vows at Staten Island, NY, on Sept. 1, 1941. College and theology studies were completed at Marist College and Seminary Framingham and he was ordained a priest in Boston on Feb. 3, 1947, by Archbishop Richard Cushing.

As an infant he suffered from polio and was left with a weakness in one leg. He volunteered for missions and was sent to the Solomon Islands where he helped many people recuperate from World War II. He often traveled for miles on foot or canoe, through dense bush country or open Oceania areas. He contracted malaria once but kept to his duties as a priest.

He was hospitalized for five months in Guadacanal for a second attack of polio, and returned to the United States in 1953. Much therapy and hospitalization helped him to walk again with the aid of a cane, carved for him in the South Pacific. He taught high school for two years at then went to a fund-raising position for the Marist Missions in Oceania. From 1955 to his death he served foreign missions from Our Lady of Victories on Isabel Street in Boston.

He laid in state at Our Lady of Victory Shrine, Boston, and after a funeral Mass interment was in St. Patrick's Cemetery Watertown.

Funeral arrangements were by Keefe Funeral Home.

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Consent Order #21

~~Entire mem.~~
Councillor Sullivan and entire
membership re: Resolution on the
death of Reve. Paul Chaisson.

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Order Adopted