

Marian R. MacMahon

At 89; Cambridge activist

Marian R. MacMahon of Cambridge, a teacher who was active in political and community affairs, died November 27 at Carleton-Willard Village in Bedford. She was 89.

Mrs. MacMahon was born in Maitland, Nova Scotia. She attended the Trafalgar School for Girls in Montreal and graduated with honors from McGill University.

She taught history at Miss Edgar's School in Montreal before moving to Cambridge. In 1939, she organized the Cambridge unit of British War Relief and was cited by the group's national office for her work.

In the late 1940s, Mrs. MacMahon aided efforts to change Massachusetts and Connecticut laws that prohibited doctors from providing women access to birth control. She later was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War.

Mrs. MacMahon was a member of the board of overseers' visiting committee of Harvard College and was on the board of trustees of the Cambridge Homes for senior citizens.

She was a longtime member of Christ Church in Cambridge and helped establish its Thrift Shop, now a Harvard Square fixture.

For 50 years, she was a member of the Cambridge Boat Club, the Cambridge Historical Society, the Mothers' Club of Cambridge and the Mount Auburn Hospital Auxiliary.

She leaves her husband, H. Edward; a daughter, Elizabeth Jochnick of West Hartford; three sons, Hugh of Falmouth, Maine, D'Arcy of Lincoln and James of Palo Alto, Calif.; two brothers, Alan Ross of Montreal and Sheldon Ross of Ottawa; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held today at 11 a.m. in Christ Church, Cambridge. Burial will be in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

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WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of

MARIAN R. MACMAHON

on November 27, 1995;

and

AT AGE Eighty-Nine

WHEREAS: MARIAN WAS A TEACHER WHO WAS ACTIVE
IN POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND

WHEREAS: MARIAN WAS BORN IN NOVA SCOTIA AND ATTENDED

TRA FALGAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN MONTREAL AND WAS A
GRADUATE FROM MCGILL UNIVERSITY WHERE SHE RECEIVED
WHEREAS: IN 1939 MARIAN ORGANIZED THE CAMBRIDGE HONORS AND

IN THE CHANGE OF UNIT OF BRITISH WAR RELIEF IN 1940 MARIAN AIDED
MASSACHUSETTS AND CONNECTICUT LAWS PROHIBITING DOCTORS FROM
WHEREAS: MARIAN'S passing will leave a void in the lives PROVIDING
of all of his/her surviving friends and WOMEN ACCESS
family, her husband H. Edward, her daughter TO BIRTH

Elizabeth Joch Nick, her sons Hugh, D'Arcy AND
And James, her brothers Alan and Sheldon OVER
Ross, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren

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

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family

of MARIAN R. MACMAHON 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 MACMAHON family on behalf of
the entire City Council.

Whereas:

MARIAN WAS A member OF THE BOARD OF
OVERSEERS' VISITING COMMITTEE OF HARVARD College,
WAS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE Cambridge
Homes FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, WAS A member
OF CHRIST Church, WAS A member OF THE Cambridge
BOAT Club, THE Cambridge HISTORICAL Society,
THE Mother's Club OF Cambridge AND THE
Mount Auburn Hospital Auxiliary, AND



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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 11, 1995

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

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of **Marian R. MacMahon** on November 27, 1995 at age eighty-nine; and

WHEREAS: Marian was a teacher who was active in political and community affairs; and

WHEREAS: Marian was born in Nova Scotia and attended Trafalgar School for Girls in Montreal and was a graduate from McGill University where she received honors; and

WHEREAS: In 1939, Marian organized the Cambridge unit of British War Relief. In 1940, Marian aided in the change of Massachusetts and Connecticut Laws prohibiting doctors from providing women access to birth control; and

WHEREAS: Marian's passing will leave a void in the lives of all of her surviving friends and family, her husband H. Edward, her daughter Elizabeth Jocknick, her sons Hugh, D'Arcy and James, her brothers Alan and Sheldon Ross, twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

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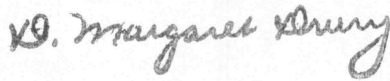
RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of **Marian R. MacMahon** at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the MacMahon family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council December 11, 1995
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Ordered: That the Clerk prepare a resolution on the death of Marian MacMahon, longtime Cambridge Resident.



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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 11, 1995

COUNCILLOR BORN

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Entire membership

Consent Order #53

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Councillor Born re: Resolution to
be prepared on the death of Marian
MacMahon.

In City Council December 11, 1995

Order Adopted