

OBITUARIES

Gustave Solomons, 82; engineer, was on Cambridge school panel

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 18, for Gustave M. Solomons, 82, of Cambridge, a retired electrical engineer.

Mr. Solomons, who was active in numerous community and civic affairs in Cambridge, died Wednesday in Mount Auburn Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Solomons graduated from Quincy High School and received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1928.

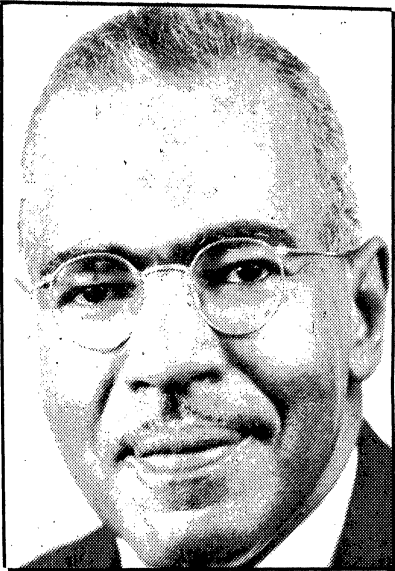
After college, Mr. Solomons worked as an electrical engineer for Bethlehem Steel Co. in Quincy. After working there for 30 years, he became chief electrical engineer for the Metropolitan District Commission, retiring in 1975.

Mr. Solomons was active with the Republican City Committee of Cambridge, and in 1977 the city named a building in his honor, the Gustave M. Solomons Transportation Career Center on Broadway.

Mr. Solomons was the first black to serve on the Cambridge School Committee, serving from 1960 to 1970. He was cochairman of the 1954 United Negro College Fund Drive. He was vice chairman of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, and was an assistant chairman of the authority for 14 years.

He was on the board of trustees for the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary Foundation. He was a corporator and former trustee of Mount Auburn Hospital and was on the executive board of the Cambridge Council of Boy Scouts of America.

He was an active member of the Masons, and was also a member of Cambridge-Somerville Elder



GUSTAVE M. SOLOMONS

Services and the Salvation Army Citadel advisory board in Cambridge. He was also a former trustee of Cambridgeport Savings Bank.

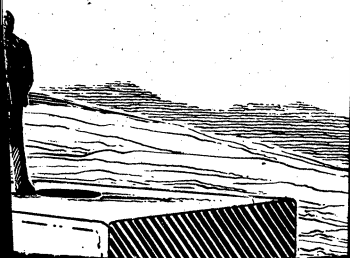
Mr. Solomons leaves his wife, Olivia M. (Stead); two sons, Gustave Solomons Jr. of New York City and Dr. Noel W. Solomons of Guatemala; a sister, Alice Romney of Queens, N.Y., and a niece.

The services will be in St. Bartholomew's Church in Cambridge. Burial will be in Cambridge Cemetery.

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Casting your lot with a subcontractor should leave you with something to build on.



ity, so that if a worker is injured on your property you won't be sued. Many small craftsmen do not carry themselves, which may be one reason their overhead and their bid is lower.

In addition, it might be prudent to obtain a million-dollar personal liability umbrella policy from your insurance agency. Don't wince, it's only \$100 annually and is valuable even if you aren't hiring a sub.

Signing the contract. At last you've made your decision. You have chosen a subcontractor who, you hope, will do timely work for a reasonable price.

In preparing a contract, detail the work to be done, specifying the materials and manner in which it is to be done. State the cost of the job, and who is responsible for supplying materials. Include a schedule of payments. Usually, you pay the subcontractor a third to start (to buy materials), a third when the job is half or two-thirds completed, and the final payment when the job is done to your satisfaction.

At some point the subcontractor may complain he is desperate for money to meet his payroll or other expenses. Do not pay ahead of schedule, unless absolutely necessary, because there is no inherent incentive to finish the work and get it right.

Obviously, there is mutual trust and risk involved. As Boston contractor Dan Lopes says, "There is as much risk at the homeowner won't get his job done as there is that the subcontractor won't get paid or will get nitpicked to death. I know a lady, whose job I wish never taken, who inspected her finished walls for minor imperfections."



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 15, 1987

- WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened upon learning of the death of long time Cambridge resident and former School Committee member Gustave Solomons; and
- WHEREAS: Gustave "Gus" Solomons was a 1928 graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he obtained a degree in electrical engineering and upon graduation he began a thirty year career as an Electrical Engineer with Bethlehem Steel Company in Quincy and upon completion of a career in the private sector, he entered public service, becoming the Chief Electrical Engineer for the Metropolitan District Commission, remaining in that capacity until his retirement in 1975; and
- WHEREAS: Gus Solomons was active with the Republican City Committee of Cambridge and was the first black to be elected to the Cambridge School Committee, serving from 1960 to 1970 and in 1977 the City named the occupational education building the Gustave M. Solomons Transportation Career Center; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Solomons had long been active in civic affairs, having served as Co-chairman of the 1954 United Negro College Fund Drive and was Assistant Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for fourteen (14) years, along with holding positions on the Executive Board of the Cambridge Council of Boy Scouts and the Board of Trustees for the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary Foundation, to name only a few; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Olivia M. Solomons and to the entire Solomons family 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 Mrs. Solomons on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council June 15, 1987.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #8

S-386

Mayor W. Sullivan & All Councillors re:
resolutions on the death of long time resi-
dent & former School Committee member
Gustave Solomons.

In City Council,

June 15, 1987

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