



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
July 30, 2001

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- WHEREAS: Jack's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving family, his wife Felicia Farr, his son Chris, his daughter Courtney and his stepdaughter; and
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- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Lemmon 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.

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FROM Michael Sullivan

DATE 6-29-01

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- ③ Joe & Jack Lemmon

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By MARK MURPHY

Jack Lemmon, whose unparalleled ability to inject an everyman quality into some of the most memorable characters in film history, died Wednesday night at the

age of 76 in Los Angeles from complications related to cancer.

The Newton native brought a jittery intensity to his roles as finicky Felix Unger in "The Odd Couple," the boastful Ensign Pulver in "Mr. Roberts," a cross-dressing musician

in "Some Like it Hot" and a luckless tourist in "The Out-of-Towners."

"What a career. What range," said John Davis, producer of "Grumpy Old Men," "Grumpier Old Men"

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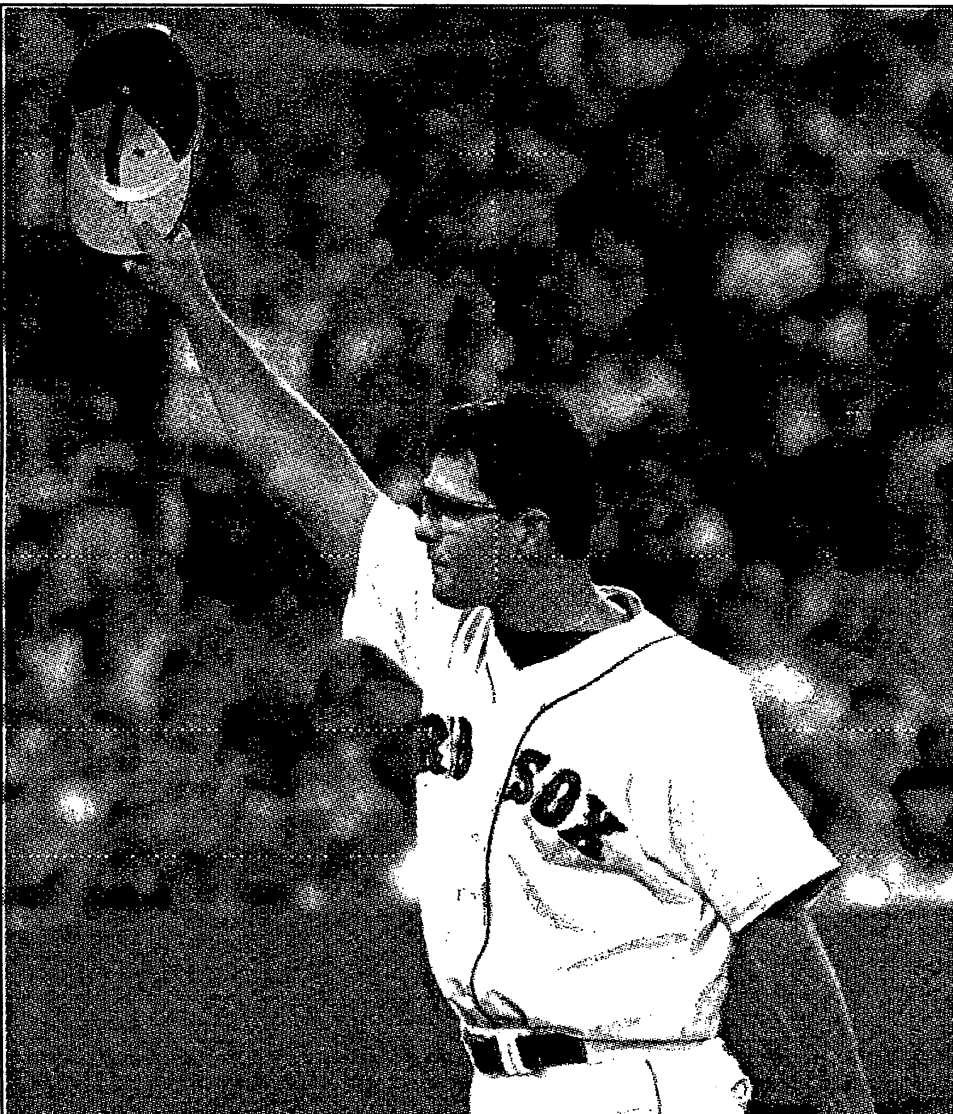


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By DAVID R. GUAR

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Lemmon later said he drew on the high standards and principles of his own father, a salesman named John Lemmon Jr., while fleshing out the role.

"I seldom think that I'm up for a good role," he said in 1975. "I nearly walked out on 'Days of Wine and Roses' and 'Some Like it Hot' because I didn't think I could handle the demands they made upon me as an actor. But if you think I'm insecure now, you should've seen me when I was first breaking in."

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During an interview with Banks in 1965, Lemmon talked of the unnamed Harvard dean who approached him on the day of his 1946 graduation and said, "I wish you luck. You'll need it."

In a sense, however, that scatter-brained style went a long way toward helping Lemmon develop his approach, and his ability to breathe



life into slightly quirky, slightly square characters who are swamped by life's perils.

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FAMILY TIME: Lemmon and his first one son, Chris. They divorced in 1956. Photo, at left, was released. Felicia Farr was by his side in New York at a 1990 event. The couple had a daughter, Courtney.



LOCAL GUY: With fellow actor and Harvard grad John Lithgow (class of '67) following, Jack Lemmon (class of '47) waves to the Cambridge crowd after receiving the first Harvard University Arts Medal in 1995.



NEVER TOO OLD: Jack Lemmon celebrated as lead actor last September.



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