



City of Cambridge

R-22.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 24, 2000

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 COUNCILLOR DECKER
 COUNCILLOR MAHER
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: This day the Cambridge City Council honors two heroic sons of Cambridge who gave their lives for their community and their country; and
- WHEREAS: On December 11, 1921, Francis "Frank" A. Guerino was born at home at 5 Foster Place to Basilio and Francesca Guerino. Frank had six brothers, the late Ganio "Youch," John "Doc," Daniel "Specs," Michael "Iron Mike," Salvatore "Sully" and Anthony, and two sisters, Anna Guerino Killion and Mary Guerino DeSimone. He was the youngest son; and
- WHEREAS: Four years later, on September 17, 1925, Frank's cousin Louis J. DeMilia was born at home at 10 Foster Place to Joseph and Maria DeMilia, the youngest son in a family of ten children, five sisters: Jenny DiGregorio, the late Anna Cimorelli, the late Lucy Cronin, the late Mary LaFlamme, the late Rose Carceo, and four brothers: the late Ganio "Scoppy," Pat, Mike and Anthony DeMilia; and
- WHEREAS: Foster Place was a small "alley" with six homes in what was called the "Marsh area" of Cambridge. There were lots of young children on the street who all played together as Louis and Frank were growing up. Both attended St. Peters Church. Frank graduated from the Russell School and then went to work and continued with educational studies while he was working. Louis graduated from Rindge Technical High School in 1943; and
- WHEREAS: Frank worked in the CCC in Vermont during the depression, and in Vermont he met his future bride, Doris Gaudreau from St. Albans, Vermont. In the spring of 1941, at the age of nineteen, Frank married Doris; they lived with Frank's parents at 5 Foster Place until they moved to their own apartment around the corner at 33 Willard Street; and
- WHEREAS: Both cousins dreamed of being pilots and joining the U.S. Air Force. Frank took flying lessons in pursuit of his dream. Both applied to join the Air Force, but neither passed the rigorous physical exam; and
- WHEREAS: Louis enlisted in the U.S. Army Infantry on August 20, 1943 just months after his graduation from high school. He was sent to South Carolina for basic training and then he was sent first to North Africa, then on to Italy with the 34th Division; and
- WHEREAS: On September 11, 1944, when Frank and Doris's son Daniel was 2 years and 4 months old, Frank was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served in the 310th Infantry, APO 78, Battery D, Company B in the European Theater of Operations; and

- WHEREAS: Seven months later, on April 8, 1945, Frank was killed in action in Siegen, Germany during the Battle of the Bulge. He was 23 years old. He left a young widow and a son who was about to celebrate his third birthday; and
- WHEREAS: Sixteen days after Frank died, on April 24, 1945, Louis was killed in action in Masone, Italy during the "final push" in the Poe Valley. He received the Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart. He was only 19 years old; and
- WHEREAS: Today, the Cambridge City Council commemorates the courage and heroism of these two fine young men, Francis A. Guerino and Louis J. DeMilia, who gave their lives to protect our freedom; and
- WHEREAS: Today, the Cambridge City Council also honors the courage and sacrifice of these families who lost their youngest sons just in the finest bloom of their young manhood, and watched for, waited for and prayed for five more Guerino sons, two more DeMilia sons and a DeMilia daughter who also served their country and their community selflessly in the Armed Services during World War II; and
- WHEREAS: In designating two individual corners of the same square in honor of Francis and Louis, the City Council honors the closeness of family and community that fosters selfless commitment to others and the individuality of the heroic sacrifice made by these men; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby designates the *even side corner of Foster Place as "DeMilia Square"* and the *odd side corner of Foster Place as "Guerino Square;"* and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to the DeMilia and Guerino families on behalf of the entire City Council.

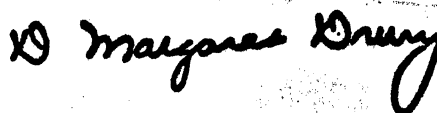
In City Council January 24, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

(617) 349-4280

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2000 MAR 17 A 10:24
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Steve White, Deputy Commissioner
FROM: Sandra Albano, Assistant to the City Council
SUBJECT: DeMilia & Guerino Square
DATE: March 16, 2000

Enclosed please find a copy of a resolution passed by the City Council designating the **even side** corner of Foster Place as **DeMilia Square** and the **odd side** corner as **Guerino Square**.

Please be advised that the dedication will take place on Sunday, April 30th at 10:00 a.m. at the above mentioned location. I will need a PA System and Podium for the event. After consulting with the families, they would like Metal signs with the Gold Star and they, individually, should read as follows:

Louis J. DeMilia Square

PFC US Army

KIA 4/24/45

Masone, Italy

DOB 9/17/26

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Frank A. Guerino

PVT U.S. Army

KIA 4/8/45

Battle of the Bulge

Siegen, Germany

DOB 12/11/21

If you have any questions, please call me at x4280.

cc: Mr. Freddie Cabral
Ms. D. Margaret Drury



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ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating a square at the corner of Foster Place between Sparks and Willard Streets in honor of Louis J. DeMilia, who was killed in action in Italy on August 20, 1943 while serving in the U. S. Army during World War II, and his cousin Frank A. Guerino, U.S. Army who died in the Battle of the Bulge on April 8, 1945; and be it further

ORDERED: That there be a separate sign for each of these heroic Cantabrigians, placed on separate corners of the square, and that a suitable dedication be arranged after consultation with the families.

In City Council January 24, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

4/30/2000

Dedication Information

- 1) Full Name: FRANCIS A. Guerino
- 2) Important Nickname: FRANK, CHICKY
- 3) Date & Place of Birth: 12/11/21 @ 5 Foster Place, Cambridge
- 4) Date of Death, if applicable: 4/8/45
- 5) Full Name of Spouse: DORIS GANDREAU
- 6) Date & Place of Marriage: (? MAY) Spring 1941 Place, ?
- 7) Full names of Children: DANIEL GUERINO
- 8) Children's Spouses (Optional): JANET
- 9) Grandchildren - (Names or Total Number, if more appropriate):
TIMOTHY GUERINO
DAVID GUERINO
- 10) Great-Grandchildren - (Names or Total Number, if more appropriate):

- 11) Military Services: { see attachment
- 12) Employment: D: { see attachment
- 13) Church/Community Involvement: ST. PETERS Cambridge
Concord Ave
- 14) Hobbies/Special Events or Memories:
- 15) Other: See Attachment

Dedication of Frank A Guerino

Frank was born on December 11, 1921 at 5 Foster Place. He was the youngest son of Basilio & Francesca Guerino.

Frank had six brothers, five of them who served their country during W.W.II. They are; The late Ganio "youch", US Army, Texas 1945 (Youch was married to the late Helen Curtin at the time of induction); twins, John "Doc", Sargent, US Army Medical Corp, France 1942-1944, USA 1944-1946; and Daniel "Specs" US Army anti-aircraft Germany 1942 (Specs was married to Dorothy Rubino with a young daughter named Frances at the time of induction); Michael "Iron Mike" Corporal, US Army, 3354th, quarter master, Germany & France 1943-1946 (Iron Mike was married to the late Alice Curtin and a young son named Michael Jr. at the time of induction); Salvatore "Sully", US Army, South Pacific, enlisted; and Anthony.

Frank had two sisters; they are Anna Guerino Killion the second eldest of nine and she was married to the late Merle Killion a 20-year US Navy Veteran. Mary Guerino DeSimone the youngest child was married to Blaise DeSimone Us Coast Guard Boston 1941-1946.

They were all raised at 5 Foster Place.

Frank was a graduate of the Russell School. He did educational studies while working as a young teenager.

He had dreamed of being a pilot and had taken up flying lessons in pursuit of joining the Air Force. That dream halted when he could not pass the physical to get in the Air Force.

Frank worked with C.C.C up in Vermont where he met his future bride Doris Gaudreau from St. Alban Vermont.

Frank and Doris were married in the spring of 1941. He was nineteen years old. They lived with Frank's parents at 5 Foster Place for a short while until they moved to an apartment around the corner at 33 Willard Street.

Dedication of Frank A Guerino

Frank and Doris had a son named Daniel born in May 1942.

Frank worked his last job as a civilian at the Armory in Watertown as a security guard.

Frank was inducted into the Army on September 11, 1944 as a Private. He served with the 310th infantry, APO 78, battery D, Company B in the European Theater of Operations.

He was killed in action during the "Battle of the bulge" in Siegen, Germany on April 8, 1945, leaving a young widow and a son who was about to celebrate his third birthday.

Today his widow, Mrs. Doris Viens of Swanton, Vermont, his son Daniel of Colchester, Vermont survives Frank Guerino, also his grandsons Timothy of Essex Junction, Vermont, and David of Saint Albans, Vermont.

. Foster Place, a small "alley" in Cambridge with six homes where lots of young children played and there sons grew up to be solders. Sent twelve of its own to serve their country, including the DiNicola family of 7 Foster Place with son Michael DiNicola US Marine Corp 1945-1949 and the late John DiNicola US Army 1942-1946.

On behalf of the Guerino and DeMilia families to all of you from Cambridge both past and present we thank you.

To Franky and Louie, from all of us, on April 30th, 2000 Welcome Home.

Sincerely,

Joseph DeSimone, the son of Mary Guerino and Blaise DeSimone

Dedication of Louis J. DiMilia

I was so pleased to hear that the City of Cambridge was going to dedicate Foster Place in memory of Louis DeMilia and my cousin Frank Guerino.

Louis was the son of Joseph and Maria DiMilia. He was the youngest son of ten children. He had five sisters; they are Jenny DiGregorio, the late Anna Cimorelli, the late Lucy Cronin, the late Mary LaFlamme, and the late Rose Carceo. Also four brothers: The late Ganio "Scoppy", Pat, Mike, and Anthony DiMilia. We were all raised on Foster Place. The area was known as the Marsh area of Cambridge.

Louis was a graduate of the Cambridge public schools. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on August 20, 1943 soon after graduation from Rindge Technical High School, Class of 1943. He was always interested in flying, but could not pass the physical to get into the Air Force; so on he went into the infantry division. He was sent to South Carolina for basic training. Then was shipped overseas landed in North Africa, then on to Italy with the 34th Division.

We were notified that he had fought in Italy on the "final push" in the Poe Valley and was killed on April 24, 1945. He received the Purple Heart, also the Good Conduct Medal. Also Louis' brother (Pat) was stationed in Italy with the Mountain Division. The brothers were never able to meet one another. His older brother (Mike) was stationed in the Pacific, also his sister (Mary) LaFlamme joined the WAC's. The Marsh area of Cambridge lost quite a few men. Soon after the war, we formed the American Legion Post in memory of all our men that were killed during World War II. They are Frank A. Guerino, John C. Walcott, Louis J. DeMilia, Dominic San Severino, Harold Mills, George A. Kennedy, Victor D. Ehler, Frank Carceo, Clifford Millo, Bernard Wright, and Donald White.

Sincerely, Jenny DeMilia DiGregorio, of 10 Foster Place.

Dedication Information

- 1) Full Name: *Louis J. DeMilia*
- 2) Important Nickname: *Louie*
- 3) Date & Place of Birth: *Born in Cambridge, @ 10 Foster Place
9-17-25*
- 4) Date of Death, if applicable: *April 24, 1945*
- 5) Full Name of Spouse: *—*
- 6) Date & Place of Marriage: *—*
- 7) Full names of Children: *—*
- 8) Children's Spouses (Optional): *—*
- 9) Grandchildren - (Names or Total Number, if more appropriate): *—*
- 10) Great-Grandchildren - (Names or Total Number, if more appropriate): *—*
- 11) Military Services: *U.S. Army - 34th Div. Inf.*
- 12) Employment: *- Worked a few months for B.G. Goodrich
before he enlisted in the Army*
- 13) Church/Community Involvement: *was raised a
Catholic, ST. PETER'S Church
Concord Ave*
- 14) Hobbies/Special Events or Memories: *all ways interested in Air plane
making planes from paper & flying
them*
- 15) Other: *Liked to Play, Baseball, Football & Bowling
GRAD. of NINE TECH JUN 1943*

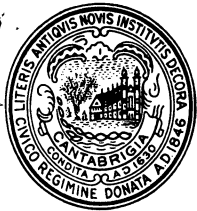
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August 20,
1943

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ROBERT M. STEVENS
DIRECTOR

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Councillor Michael Sullivan - City Councillor's Office

From: Sonny Reale, Deputy Director - Veterans' Services

Re: Square Dedication

Date: January 20, 2000

Request made by the families of Louis J. DeMilia, US Army,
killed in Action in Italy on August 20, 1943

AND

Frank A. Guerino, US Army, killed in Action, in the Battle of
the Bulge on April 8, 1945.

That a square be named in their honor at the corner of Foster Place
Between Sparks & Williard Streets, Cambridge, on May 7, 2000.

- 2 Dep. Secs



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Resolution #22

Dedicate two separate corners of
the square in the vicinity of Foster
Place between Sparks and Willard
Streets in honor of Louis J.
DeMilia and his cousin Frank A.
Guerino who were killed in action.
Councillor Sullivan

In City Council January 24, 2000.

ORDER ADOPTED