

## Philip Cantino

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of Ayer, formerly of Littleton; 93

AYER -- Philip Cantino, 93, of Ayer, formerly of Washington Street and a longtime resident of Ayer Road, Littleton, died Thursday, March 11, 2010, at the Nashoba Valley Medical Center, Ayer.

Mr. Cantino was born in Littleton, May 29, 1916, one of eight children born to Frank and Camilla (DeMassi) Cantino, and resided many years in Littleton before moving to Ayer 29 years ago.

For over 40 years, Mr. Cantino worked as the manager of the Nashoba Cold Storage on Central Avenue in Ayer, retiring in 1978.

He is survived by two daughters, M. Louise Steele of Shirley, C. Jane Witherow of Ayer; his sister, Anna Diardo of Littleton; and his longtime lady friend, Mimi Luca of Maynard. He also leaves seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Frances M. (Dubey) Cantino in 1978, and his son, Frank P. Cantino in 2005.

A "gentleman farmer", Mr. Cantino maintained fruit and vegetable gardens well into his eighties. He also enjoyed dancing and his occasional trips to Foxwoods Casino.

CANTINO -- A funeral service will be held 11 am, Monday, March 15th at the T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, (Rte. 2A) Ayer. Please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com) for additional information. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Ayer. Calling hours are 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Memorial contributions may be made to Nashoba Valley Medical Center, ICU, 200 Groton Road, Ayer, MA 01432.

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