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Lawrenceville, GA – Benjamin Orciari, age 95, passed away Friday, June 12th, 2009 at Emory Eastside Medical Center in Snellville, GA. Born in Springfield, MA to the late Carmelo and Leonilda (Barbadora) Orciari, he was a longtime resident of Springfield, MA before moving to Georgia. He was a former communicant of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Springfield, and was a current member of St. Marguerite d' Youville Catholic Church in Lawrenceville, GA. He was a graduate of the High School of Commerce and a member of the school's tennis team. He served in the US Army, 571st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion during World War II in Africa, Europe and the Middle East, and later was the owner and operator of Carl's Super Market in Springfield. He was a member of American Legion Post 21 in Springfield for 63 years, and received the American Legion MA State Joseph J. Conway Community Service Award. Ben transferred his love of tennis to those who might not have the opportunity to participate in the sport. He was an instructor, organizer and financier of the Van Horn Tennis Clinics, a free summer tennis program at three city public parks. He recruited as instructors for the tennis clinics only the best players from the Western MA area. In addition, he sponsored 3 sandlot baseball teams. He received the Highest Honor Award and lifetime membership in the Springfield Tennis Club, was twice recipient of the Bethel Temple Brotherhood Community Service Award, the Station WACE Community Service Award, and

the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed resolutions naming 9 tennis courts at Forest Park in his honor. He was a member of the Melha Shrine Temple in Springfield, MA, Legion of Honor and received the Legion of Honor Service Award and the Scottish Rite Meritorious Service Award. He was appointed as chairman of the Melha Sunshine Committee and Ambassador of Good Will until moving to Georgia. His death was preceded by his wife of 65 years, Ruth (Wiggins) Orciari, in 2009. He is survived by his daughter, Lillian Orciari and numerous nieces and nephews. Family and friends are invited to meet for a Liturgy of Christian Burial on Saturday July 11th at 10AM at St. Patrick's Church, 1900 Allen St., Springfield, MA followed by burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. There are no calling hours. Byron Keenan Funeral Home and Cremation Tribute Center is entrusted with the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.byronhafeyfuneralhomes.com. Local arrangements handled by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. 770-962-3100. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com

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