

# Frank Jerome Cusenza



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**BIRTH** 25 Dec 1894  
San Vito, Città Metropolitana di Bari, Puglia, Italy

**DEATH** 14 Jun 1987 (aged 92)  
Beverly Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, USA

**BURIAL** Evergreen Cemetery  
Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, USA

**MEMORIAL ID** 188461473



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Frank Cusenza, 92, teacher and composer

Services for Frank Cusenza, a noted music teacher and composer, will be held at 11 a.m. today at Vasu, Rogers, Connell Funeral Home, 4375 N. Woodward, Royal Oak. Mr. Cusenza, 92, died Sunday at Cambridge Center South in Beverly Hills. Mr. Cusenza had devoted his life to music. He was born in San Vito, Italy, in 1894 and began his musical education at age five. He received a degree at the Royal Conservatory in Palermo, Italy, in 1917 and led a military band during World War I. Mr. Cusenza came to the United States in 1920 and taught music at the Detroit Conservatory of Music, the University of Detroit and the Detroit Institute of Musical Arts. He wrote many music books and

compositions. Most notable among them is his Symphonica in four parts, which was performed by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Another of his compositions, his version of "Ave Maria," was praised by Pope Pius XII. Mr. Cusenza had been a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers since 1950. Survivors include a son, Frank a daughter, Patricia Alatchanian, and four grandchildren. Visitation will be from 10a.m. to 11 a.m. today. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.

Michigan Death

Name: Frank J Cusenza

Birth Date: 25 Dec 1894

Death Date: 14 Jun 1987

Gender: Male

Residence: Bloomfield, Oakland, Michigan

Place of Death: Beverly Hills, Oakland, Michigan

#### Michigan Marriage

Name Mr Frank Cusenza

Gender Male

Race White

Age 33

Birth Year abt 1901

Birth Place Italy

License County Wayne

Marriage Date 10 Feb 1934

Marriage Place Hamtramck, Wayne, Michigan, USA

Residence Place Detroit, Michigan

Father Gerome Cusenza

Mother Anna Sugumelo

Spouse Marie Sembalenko

Gender Female

Race White

Age 21

Birth Year abt 1913

Birth Place Massachusetts

Residence Place Detroit, Michigan

Father Mike Sombalenko

Mother Pauline Lubesky

### Family Members

#### Spouse



Marie Cusenza  
1913–2009

#### Children



Allen Cusenza  
1948–1976

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