

PHILIP CARUSO

- o Owner of Friendship Florist,  
3236 Wisconsin Ave., since 1956

I've been a partner with Mr. Abgar in this shop for at least nineteen or twenty years. This shop has been here about thirty-five or forty years. This used to be a liquor store and a grocery store. It became a flower shop in 1965.

These buildings have been here a long time. Most of the people around here are the same people who have been here for years. The University Pastry was here when we came here. The Zebra Room has been there all the time with different owners. The liquor store has moved from here to the corner. Modern Shoe Shop has been there for years.

The neighbors are very good around here. We help one another out all the time.

All the people are nice....especially the women. So many people come by. They just walk up and down the streets, especially the elderly ladies. They say, "Hi, Mr. Caruso." It makes you feel good, you know. Whether they come into the shop or not, they know you. It's a good feeling to be around here.