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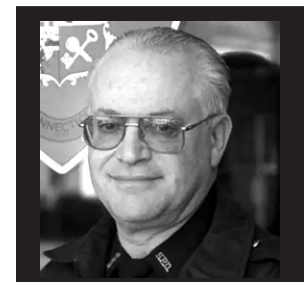
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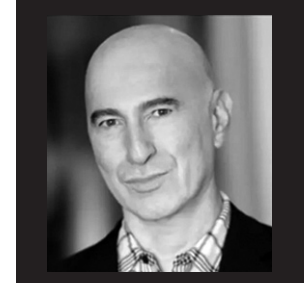


**John Peter Gaetani, "Johnny G.,"** 79, of North Haven, CT, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, with his daughters by his side. John was born on February 5, 1947, in Stamford, CT, to the late Joseph and Mary Gaetani. John dedicated over thirty years of his life to public service. He retired from the Stamford Police Department as a Patrol Officer in 2015.

His legacy of service and love for the police and fire departments lived on for many years while living in North Haven, where John donated money to outfit the K9 patrol dogs with bulletproof vests, and regularly ran an open tab at the local diner for the officers that had to be on duty during holidays. He settled in North Haven, CT, later in life where he married Diane Brunson and became a positive presence in the lives of her children, Billy, Krista and Frank, and her granddaughters, Fiona and Molly. He is survived by his wife, Diane Brunson-Gaetani, beloved daughters, Robin England (Robert) and Laura Gaetani; his cherished grandchildren, Kaya Valli and Lilah Rose England.

Should friends desire, may be made in John's memory to either the Stamford Police Department at Stamford Police Foundation c/o SPD K9 Unit or North Haven Police Department K9 units at Venmo@NorthHavenPoliceK9Unit.

Services were held at the **NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME** www.northhavenfuneral.com.



**Frank T. Funaro Jr.** 68, of New York City, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at Yale New Haven Hospital/ St Raphael Campus with his brother by his side. After a courageous battle with cancer. Frank was born in New Haven on September 10, 1957, and was the son of the late Frank T. Funaro, Sr and Nellie Sampieri Funaro. He was a graduate of North Haven High School, Class of 1975. Frank is survived by his loving brother James and sister-in-law, Susan Funaro, and his adoring niece, Michelle, all of North Haven, and by several cousins and friends. He is also survived by his very special and close friends who were like family to Frank, Gail McMillian and her husband Robin, who were Frank's care givers during the early days of his illness, as well as their daughters, Madeleine and Lily, all of New York City.

Should friends desire, in lieu of flowers, donations in Frank's memory may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center PO Box 27106 New York, New York. 10087, or to a charity of one's choice.

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**James Thompson,** 65, of North Haven, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 2, 2026, surrounded by his loving family after an impressive 12 plus year battle with Multiple Myeloma which he handled positively every day. Born on October 13, 1960, in New Haven, he was the son of Bill and Shirley Thompson. Jim served honorably in the US Army Reserves as a Special Forces Engineer for 6 years.

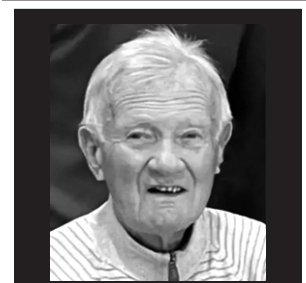
He is survived by his high school sweetheart of 42 years, Cheryl Thompson, who was his moon and his stars; his children, Jennifer Darcy (Bryan) and James Thompson Jr.; his siblings, Bill Thompson (Sue), David Thompson (Kathy), Bryan Thompson, Kathleen Thompson; sister-in-law Cindy Gaudio (Steve) and his beloved grandchildren, Connor and Lorraine Thompson, and Cora and Brea Darcy, whom he proudly boasted were the four "best grandchildren ever."

Jim was preceded in death by his mother, Shirley Thompson.

We would like to thank all of the nurses at Smilow Devine Street in North Haven for the kind and supportive care you provided Jim.

Should friends desire, please donate to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation by visiting www.themmr.org

Services were held at the **NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME** www.northhavenfuneral.com.



**George Visnic,** 94, of Wallingford, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2026, surrounded by the family he cherished beyond measure. He was the devoted husband of Kathleen (Connolly) Visnic for sixty wonderful years. Born in Benwood, West Virginia, on March 27, 1931, George was the son of the late Michal and Serra Visnic. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

In addition to her beloved wife, he is survived by his children, Kevin (Molly) Visnic, Karen (Mark) Clarke, and Michael (Cindy) Visnic; his treasured grandchildren, who lovingly called him "Pops," Emily, Mary Kate, Colleen, George, Connor, Drew, Merina, CJ, and Ryan Visnic, Carter, Brennan, and Aidan Clarke; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John and Eirin Connolly of Jupiter, Florida, and their children; and his late sister Mary (Elmer) Kress's daughter, Sarah Jean Davies, and her husband, Bryan.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans at help.dav.org

Services were held at the **NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME** www.northhavenfuneral.com.

**St. Ann's Food Pantry**  
 Hamden: St. Ann's Food Pantry at 322 Circular Avenue, is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30am.



**Michael Vance Epting,** 72, of Wallingford, loving husband of Sandra (Walton) Epting for 51 years, passed away peacefully February 28, 2026 at his home with his wife at his side. Mike was born in Columbia, South Carolina on September 2, 1953. He was predeceased by his parents, Lola and Alan Hekking.

In addition to his wife, Sandra, he is survived by his sister, Lana Myers and her husband, Stephen; his brother, Kenneth Hekking and his wife, Susie; his sisters-in-law, Merrilyn Wojkowski and Bevy Poggio and her husband, Roger, Carolyn Quigley and her husband, Jay; his brothers-in-law, Philip Walton and his wife, Susan, James Walton and his wife, Ellen, Jeffrey Walton and his wife, Kim; and several nieces and nephews who he adored. He was predeceased by his brothers-in-law, Stan Wojkowski and Donald Poggio, his mother-in-law, Beverly Walton, his father-in-law, Philip Walton, his niece, Krystyne Poggio and his nephew, Scot Poggio.

The family would like to thank all of his caregivers for the care and compassion they gave Mike and his family during his illness.

Services were held at the **Wallingford-Yalesville Funeral Homes**



**Beth Lisa (Laubstein) Ferguson,** 64, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at Hartford Hospital. She was the loving wife of Michael Tiscia and the late Ronald W. Ferguson. Beth was born in New Haven, September 6, 1961, the daughter of Deeva (Grossman) Laubstein and the late Melvin Laubstein. She was raised in Orange and Woodbridge.

In addition to her husband Michael and mother Deeva, she will be missed by her sons, Jeffrey G. Ferguson, and Ethan Ferguson (Samantha); her step-sons, Ryan Tiscia (Meagan), and Kevin Tiscia (Marisa); her grandson, Luca Tiscia; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Keith and Autumn Laubstein, Clifford and Bea Laubstein, and Brian Laubstein; her nephews and niece, Melvin, Zax, James and Hunter Laubstein; and many extended family members and dear friends.

Should friends desire, gifts in Beth's memory may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Services were held at the **Wallingford-Yalesville Funeral Homes**



**Gertrude Williams Burrell,** 91, of Hamden, passed away peacefully at her home on February 22, 2026 with her children by her side. She was born in New Haven, CT on June 17, 1934 to the late Reverend George and Emma Hart Williams, Sr. She was married to Samuel A. Burrell, Jr. for 66 years, before his passing four years ago. She blessed the lives of her three children, Evelyn Fay (Don), Samuel Abbott, III, and Scott (Jeane'), who never stopped calling her "Mommy." She loved being "Grandma" to her four grandchildren, Aaron, Alycia, Coakley and Cora. Gertrude was one of ten children: Gladys Hobson, Geneva Senior, Geraldine White, Grover and the late Grace Wormley, George, Gilbert, Gerald and Gloria Robinson.

The family would like to thank the following for all the care and support they provided in Mom's later years: Joel Paul - Amity Physical Therapy, Dr. Iwona Lacka, Nurse Siobhan, Nurse Eileen - Home Medical Team, Esther, Krysi and Eva - Caregivers, Yale New Haven-St. Raphael's Hospital Staff, Visiting Angels, Home Care Associates, and CT Hospice.

Services were held at the **BEECHER BENNETT** at the **www.beecherandbennett.com.**



**Marie M. Criscuolo Renaldi,** 97, of Hamden, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026, at the Hamden Healthcare Center. She was the beloved wife of the late Frank Renaldi, Jr. Marie was born in New Haven on September 8th, 1928, and was the daughter of the late Frederick and Gesualda Esposito Criscuolo. Marie is survived by her sons, Frank III (Ann Marie), Joseph, Fred, and Robert (Maria) Renaldi, her grandchildren, Frank IV (Jacinta), Anthony (Jessica), and Vincent (Christina) Renaldi, Alyssa (Tom) Hamilton, and Erica (Glenn) D'Amato, and her great-grandchildren, Luke, Ava, Noah, Hannah, Teagan, Caden, and Carmela Renaldi, Enzo and Giuliana D'Amato, and Anthony and Rachel Hamilton. Marie is also survived by her sister, Anne Ugolik of Hamden. She was predeceased by her 3 brothers and 4 sisters.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Compassus Hospice, https://compassuslivingfoundation.org/give-now/

Services were held at the **NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME** www.northhavenfuneral.com.

**PRAYER INFORMATION**

All prayers cost \$12 per prayer, per week. The deadline is Wednesday for the following Tuesday's Issue. Please mail to The Advisor, P.O. Box 460, North Haven, CT 06473-0460 or bring in to our office, 87 State Street (Kings Acres), North Haven, with payment, correct initials and code number found in lower left corner of prayer.