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Is Embalming Required Before a Burial?

Embalming is the act of temporarily preserving a body soon after death by slowing the decomposition process. The ancient Egyptians used embalming in their mummification process to preserve the body to house the soul in the afterlife. Today embalming is usually done for practical reasons, like maintaining a body for a viewing, long-distance transportation, or research purposes. Some religions prohibit embalming, while others allow it, are indifferent, or practice cremation instead. Some religions will allow embalming when it's required. Embalming is not required by federal law, but some states have regulations and requirements under certain circumstances. Most funeral homes recommend embalming for a public viewing. Many cemeteries require embalming when the body will be buried in a public mausoleum.

Planning a funeral service can be a difficult process for families who have just lost a loved one. But it's important to provide those who are grieving with a supportive environment in which they can begin to find closure, say goodbye, and come to terms with the loss. To learn about our services, please call North Haven Funeral Home at 203-239-1179. Our home is located at 36 Washington Avenue.

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OBITUARIES



Anne Maria (AnneMarie) Manzione of Naples, Florida, and formerly of North Haven, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, August 26th, 2026 with her family at her side. She fought a courageous three-year battle against ovarian cancer. AnneMarie was born in New Haven on July 12, 1964. She grew up in North Haven, where she was an accomplished high school athlete in field hockey, basketball, and softball.

In 2018, AnneMarie and her beloved Eileen (with whom she shared 33 years of love including 9 years of a beautiful marriage) retired to their dream home in Naples, Florida.

AnneMarie was predeceased by her parents, Anthony and Anna Manzione; her in-laws, Ray and Peggy Pettit; her brother-in-law, Steve Pettit; and her beloved Bichon, Charlie Calahan Pettit.

She leaves behind her wife, Eileen Pettit, sister Susan Bozzuto (Dennis) sister-in-law Linda Barbosa (John). Uncle Father Joseph Pettit. Nieces, Amanda DeLucia (Albert), Meghan Salonia (Peter), Laura Young (Ben), and nephew Conor Colasurdo (Carolyn).

Her great-nieces and nephews Sophia and Leo DeLucia, Izzy and Abby Salonia, Benny Young, Ellie and Willa Colasurdo. She was so looking forward to meeting baby Brody Pettit Young in October 2026 but will watch over him as she will all of us.

Also, many cousins and dear friends remain and will cherish time shared with AnneMarie.

We would like to thank all of her friends and extended family for their love and support during her valiant fight.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) or the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org)

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Luciano DeMico, 85, of Hamden, CT died peacefully at his home on Sunday, August 30, 2026. He was the beloved husband of fifty three years to Mary (Cricca) DeMico. Luciano was born in Monte Flavio, Province of Rome, Italy on September 9, 1940, a son of the late Anibale and Rosa (Gilardi) DeMico, and had resided in Hamden for the past fifty five years.

His greatest joy was his grandchildren-Juno (Nicholas), Stellina (Sage), Bryce, and Daylin-and he cherished the simple moments spent with family and friends.

Luciano is also survived by his daughter, Gina (Chris) Hunn of Cheshire and son Nicholas C. DeMico of Enfield, four grandchildren, Nicholas P. DeMico, Sage DeMico, Bryce C. Hunn and Daylin C. Hunn, a sister-in-law, Joan Cricca of Hamden, two nephews, Marcello (Kim) DeMico, and Gino (Christina) DeMico, and three great-nephews, Marcello, Gino and Ryan, all of Hamden, along with a host of many loving cousins and friends in Connecticut and Italy. He was predeceased by two brothers, Gino DeMico and Claudio DeMico, and his sister-in-law, Beatrice DeMico.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions in Luciano's name may be sent to Breakthrough T1D (formerly Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.), 200 Vesey Street, 28th Fl., New York, NY 10281.

Services were held at the
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A. Donald (Don) Rawling, Jr., 67, who departed this life peacefully on August 28, 2026 at home surrounded by his loving wife and son. Don was born in New Haven on April 6, 1959 and was the son of the late A. Donald Rawling, Sr. and Lillian (Dorman) Rawling. Don grew up in Hamden and graduated from Hamden High School in 1977. Don is survived by his wife Lisa (Kulenski) Rawling of Durham, son Donald Rawling (Carla) of North Granby and his beloved grandson Henry Rawling. Don is also survived by his brother Scott Rawling (Ingrid) of Seymour and sister Roxanne Rawling of Seymour, as well as his father- and mother-in-law Charles and Ann Kulenski of Branford, along with his sisters-in-law Catherine Kopylec of Hamden and Brenda Kulenski of Old Greenwich, three nephews, one niece and many other extended family and friends.

Special thanks to the amazing hospice team who lovingly cared for Don (especially Gina) in his last weeks.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to ORTV, Inc. at 15 Peach Orchard Road, Prospect, CT 06712 or the Durham Fair Foundation P.O. Box 642, Durham, CT 06422.

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Antonio Luigi Antonucci, 82, of Wallingford passed away peacefully on Friday, August 28th, 2026, at his home with his loving family by his side. He was the beloved husband of Antoinette (DiPaola) Antonucci. Antonio was born in Gioia Sannitica, Province of Caserta Italy on April 3, 1944, and was the son of the late Giuseppe and Maria Pacelli Antonucci. He came to this country at the age of 19. Father of Maria Pattavina (Jonathan), Anna Blanchard (Ted) and John Antonucci (Krisanne). Grandfather of Annalise Fryberger (John Patrick), Adam Pattavina, Ariana & Joseph Antonucci, David Blanchard (Natalia) Christopher & Julia Blanchard. Great-grandfather of Peyton and Weston Fryberger. Brother of Sister Maria Giacinda Antonucci, Frank Antonucci and the late Pasqualina Palmieri, Rosa Landino, Anna Maturio, Filomena Lavorgna, Michelina Landino, Concetta Biondi and Enrico Antonucci. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

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Crystal Sagnella Cassella, 83, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 27th, 2026, at the Connecticut Hospice, Branford with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of 55 years to the late Robert (Bobby) Cassella. Crystal was born in New Haven on December 29, 1942, and was the daughter of the late Anthony and Anna Calabrese Sagnella. Mother of Michelle Cassella, Susan (Martin) Tondalo and Doreen (Scott) Vitiello. Grandmother of Nicholas Onofrio, Michael Chambrelli, Danielle Paone and Andrew Vitiello. Great Grandmother of Dylan Donnelly. Sister of Barbara Russo and the late Carol Longobardi.

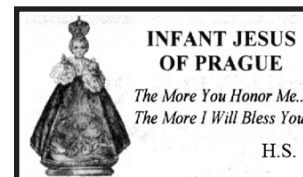
Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the CT Hospice, Inc. (www.hospice.com.donate) or the Alzheimer's Association of CT, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489.

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St. Ann's Food Pantry

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Evelyn Iva Montano, 70, of Cheshire, formerly of Hamden, loving wife of James Montano, passed away peacefully at her home on August 31, 2026. She was born in New Haven on March 30, 1956, daughter of the late Otto and Evelyn (Clark) Donath. In addition to her husband James, Evelyn is survived by her son, Matthew Montano, his wife, Allison, and her grandson, Otto. Evelyn resided in Hamden for over 30 years before moving to Cheshire, where she and James raised their family.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions in Evelyn's name may be made to the O.E.S. Grand Chapter Fund of CT (Memo:Scholarship Fund), 22 Masonic Ave., P.O. Box 70, Wallingford, CT 06492.

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Nancy Lynn (Trzciensky) Wailonis, 82, died on September 2, 2026, at The Connecticut Hospice in Branford, CT. She was the devoted wife of Donald F. Wailonis of 55 years and a lifelong resident of Wallingford, CT. Nancy was born on June 4, 1944, in Meriden, CT, a daughter of the late Edward and Lillian (Ricci) Trzciensky.

She is survived by her husband, Donald F. Wailonis. She was predeceased by her son, Mark D. Wailonis, and is survived by his daughter, Hilary Wailonis. She is also survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Gwen Wailonis-Silloway and Timothy Silloway, and their children, Madeline Wailonis and Vance Silloway. Her children and grandchildren brought great joy to her life. She also leaves behind her siblings, Sally Trzciensky, Edward "Rick" Trzciensky and his wife Sherry, Mary Anne Reposa, and many nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to the Oncology Department at Midstate Medical Center in Meriden, CT, especially Kristi Dubey, APRN, and Dr. Rajani Nadkarni.

Should friends desire, donations in her memory be made to The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mount Sacred Heart, 295 Benham St., Hamden, CT 06514, to carry on the service she and her Sisters joined many years ago. www.ASCJUS.org



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WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Service at the North Haven Congregational Church is held on Sundays at 9:30am.

Come and visit - you are welcome.