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Celia "Cele" Jean Bretko, 103, of North Haven, Connecticut, formerly of Hamden, Connecticut died peacefully on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at the Montowese Center for Health & Rehabilitation. She was the beloved wife of the late John Stephen Bretko. Cele was born in New Haven, CT on October 23, 1922, a daughter of the late Salvatore and Mary Cocco, and had resided in Hamden for most of her life before moving to North Haven seven years ago.

Cele is survived by her daughter Judith A. Rakowski of Wallingford, a step-daughter, one niece, one great niece, one great nephew, two great-great nieces, two great-great-great nieces, and two great-great-great nephews. She was predeceased by her son-in-law Robert Rakowski, two sisters, Edythe Di Santis and Corona Cocco, and her brother, Joseph Cocco.

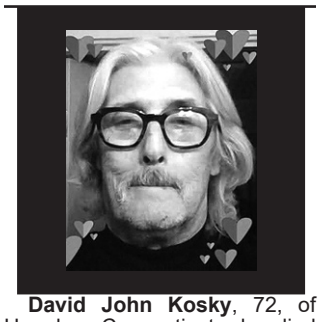
Should friends desire. memorial contributions in Cele's name may be sent to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org/donate

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North Haven.



Patricia "Patty" Marshall, age 76, passed away peacefully on September 26th, 2026, at St. Raphael hospital. Beloved wife of James Marshall III and loving mother of James Marshall IV (Julia) of North Haven CT; Heather Vastakis (Kosta) of Branford CT. She is also survived by four grandchildren Alexander, Zacharey, James, and Catherine. Patty was born on February 21, 1950, daughter of the late Pasquale and Anna DiNello. She was the sister of Michael DiNello (Sharon Porto) of Port St. Lucie FL; Diane Zadrozny (William) of Clinton CT; and the late Richard DiNello. She leaves behind a large and loving extended family of cousins, in-laws, nieces, and nephews, all of whom will miss her deeply.

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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David John Kosky, 72, of Hamden, Connecticut who died at his home on Friday, September 18, 2026. David was born in New Haven, CT on November 24, 1953, a son of the late Thomas Francis and Marion Florence



Michael David Wheatley of Hamden, CT passed away suddenly at home on September 14, 2026. Born on July 17, 1947, in New Haven CT, Michael was the son of the late Harold L. Wheatley and Leila G. Wheatley.

He leaves behind a daughter, Julianna Wheatley Rogers, and two grandchildren, Sabrina Rogers and Jacob Rogers of Massachusetts; brothers, Richard P. Wheatley (Kathi) of Hamden, CT and Daniel Wheatley of Maine; and sister, Joanne Wheatley Johnson; former brother-in-law, Geoffrey Johnson (Damien Drobinski) of Hamden; numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews; and many friends who will miss him terribly.

Should friends desire, donations may be made to Best Video, 1842 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT 06517, or The Oncology Dept. at the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs in West Haven, CT. Please request the donation specifically go to the Oncology Dept.

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Janice J. McDonald, formerly of North Haven, passed away peacefully on September 9, 2026, at Connecticut Baptist Home. She was born on January 11, 1938, in Springfield, MA, to Rena A. Coulombe and Gerald J. Domingue. Janice was the loving wife of John "Jack" W. McDonald for 63 years. She was a graduate of North Haven High School, Class of 1956.

She was the devoted mother of John McDonald of Durham and Scott McDonald (Mariam) of Hamden. She was the proud grandmother of Tyler, Nathan, and Nina McDonald, and step-grandmother of Meghann Reeder, Malea Embick, Madelynne Embick, and Millana Embick. She is also survived by her brother, Ronald Domingue (Carmen).

Janice was predeceased by her daughter, Sharon McDonald Martin; daughter-in-law, Ellen McDonald; and brothers, Kenneth Domingue and Rene Domingue.

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(Short) Kosky. Dave resided in Hamden his entire life and was a 1972 graduate of Hamden High School. Dave leaves to cherish his memory his friends that became family, especially his lifelong buddies Paul Menillo of Naugatuck and Laurie Sicignano of Hamden, and a sister, Deborah Kelly of Hamden. He was predeceased by a sister Sharon E. Little, a brother Thomas "Sammy" Kosky, and his nephew Frank "Buddy" Little.

Services were held at the
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North Haven.



Richard L. Wolfer, affectionately known as "Papa Dude", 86, of North Haven, passed away peacefully with his loving family and friends by his side on September25, 2026, at the CT Hospice, Branford. He was the beloved husband of Barbara Dziurzynski Wolfer. Richard was born in New Haven on July 25, 1940, and was the son of the late Joseph E. and Regina Leyerzapf Wolfer. He served his country faithfully in the US Army. Father of Richard R. Wolfer, Diane M. (Tom) Turro, Susan M. (William) Kimmel and Paul R. (Jessica) Wolfer. Grandfather of Jessica, Amanda, Alexandra and John. Great-grandfather of Kayden, Andrew and Dawson. Brother of Jean Biehl, Patricia Burkle and the late Edward Colavolpe, Robert Wolfer and Joseph Wolfer. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his "best buddy" Brodie, his golden retriever.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Animal Haven, 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473

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Diana C. Massari Savo, 98, a resident of North Haven for the past 67 years and passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 26th, 2026 at her home with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of 73 years to the late James F. Savo, Jr. Diana was born in New Haven on April 16th, 1928, sand was the daughter of the late John and Maria Ramicone Massari. Mother of Cynthia Lawlor and Dyann Vissicchio. Grandmother of Alyssa and Melinda Vissicchio, Colleen Farley (Chris), Matthew Lawlor (Sarah) and Timothy Lawlor (Jordan). Great-Grandmother of James Francis Lawlor, Harper and Regan Farly. Predeceased by brothers Raymond and Louis Massari and a sister Adelfina Massari.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org)

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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Linda Marie Jasionis Sidiropoulos, 79, of North Haven, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 25th, 2026, with her loving family by her side. She was the



José M. Alvárez, 68, of Hamden, Connecticut died peacefully on Monday, September 21, 2026 at Yale-New Haven Hospital, York St. Campus with his loving family by his side. José was born in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico on August 27, 1958, a son of Sergio Carrion and Felicita Alvárez of Puerto Rico. He grew up there and moved to the Bronx, NY for twenty years, and later New Haven for many more before moving to Hamden a short time ago.

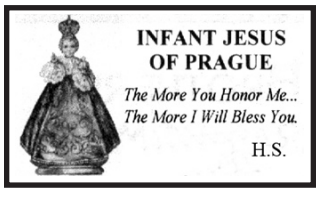
José is also survived by three sons, Cesar (Aracelis) Vázquez of Hamden, Miguel Carrion of Puerto Rico and José Carrion of New Haven, five sisters, Aida Carrion and Carmen Nieves of Puerto Rico, and Ali Carrion, Luz Carrion and Janet Nieves of New York City, one brother, William Nieves of of Puerto Rico, and six grandchildren, José Carrion, Jr., Miguel Carrion, Julien Carrion, Lillian Carrion, Ciara Vázquez and Nashalle Santaella. He was predeceased by two brothers, Ruben Carrion and Enrique Nieves.

Services were held at the
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Ruth Ziel Coyle, 92, East Haven, formerly of North Haven, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at Village of Mariners Point. She was the beloved wife of the late Philip Coyle. Ruth was born in Middletown on March 14, 1934, and was the daughter of the late Adolph and Stella Rembis Ziel. Mother in law of Margaret Coyle. Grandmother of Amanda Sorge and her husband Liam. Predeceased by her son Brian Coyle and her brother Alfred Ziel.

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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beloved wife of Georgios Sidiropoulos. Linda was born in Boston, Massachusetts on October 29th, 1946, and was the daughter of the late John and Harriet Savilonis Jasionis. In addition to her husband, Linda is survived by her children, Nikoletta (Harris Strokoff) Sidiropoulos, Savas (Katherine Koczak) Sidiropoulos, and Evdoxia (Robert) DeLauro, and her grandchildren, George and Edgar Strokoff, Daphne and George, Sidiropoulos, and Jonathan DeLauro. She was predeceased by her brother, John Jasionis.

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