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Death was a part of daily life in colonial America. While colonial funerals were silent and somber, the celebratory wakes held beforehand evolved into lavish funerals and public mourning rituals. One popular custom was an extravagant gift exchange between the bereaved family and funeral attendees. Over time, the extensive funeral celebrations became a financial burden for families, and colonial lawmakers passed bills limiting excessive purchases, gifts, and liquor consumption at funerals. Breaking certain laws included hefty fines for an estate's executor or even the deceased person themselves. As cities grew, burial space became limited and the need for rural cemeteries, coffins, transportation, embalming, and funeral planning gave birth to "undertakers," named for the people who undertook various death-related services.

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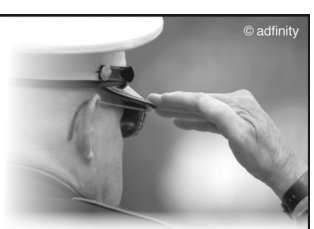

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OBITUARIES



Wendy Lou (Papoosha) Purificato, 73, of Hamden, died on Monday, November 2, 2026, at The Connecticut Hospice in Branford. Wendy passed away following a brief illness and complications from a stroke. She was the loving wife of Ronald A. Purificato. Wendy was born in New Haven, September 10, 1953, a daughter of the late Erwin A. and Norma (Collier) Papoosha. Shw was a proud graduate of Hamden High School's Class of 1972.

In addition to her husband Ron, she will be missed by her children, Bryan Purificato and his wife Kasandra Erazo, Karla Farrelly and her husband Kevin Farrelly, Jeffre Purificato and his wife Courtney Angelicola, and Leonard Franco; and her cherished grandchildren, Kinsley, Kaiden and Gavin. Wendy was the eldest of five siblings. She is survived by her brother David Papoosha and his wife, Christine Papoosha, and her brother Eric Papoosha and his wife, Rosemary Papoosha. She was predeceased by her sister, Ruth E. (Papoosha) Roberts, and her brother, Steven Papoosha. Wendy was also dearly loved by her many nieces and nephews. She also leaves her adored cats, Levi and Otis, as well as her dog Grizzley.

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Dolores Criscuolo DiNicola, 94, of Hamden, Cheshire, and South Meriden, passed away Friday, October 30th, peacefully and surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of the late Anthony (Tony) F. DiNicola, who were together for over 70 years and married for 65 years before his passing in 2017. Dolores was born in New Haven on July 31, 1932; daughter of the late Ralph and Anna Luzzi Criscuolo.

Mother of Mark R. DiNicola (Roberta), Anthony K. DiNicola, Cynthia A. Sirico (Raymond) and Tina M. Affinito (Anthony Jr.). Grandmother of Kristin DiNicola, Michael DiNicola (Amanda), Cara Reitman (Ian), Nicole Granucci (David), Anthony F. DiNicola II (Pasquale), Carissa Welch (Justin), Danielle Price (Bill), Trisha Sirico, Anthony Affinito III and Nicholas Affinito. Also survived by nine great-grandchildren. Predeceased by an infant twin daughter Marie DiNicola, her son-in- law Raymond Sirico and a brother Ralph Criscuolo.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to papfoundation.org (Pulmonary Alveolar Proteinosis) Papfoundation.org in honor of her grandson Nicholas Affinito who has this rare lung disease.

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Louis "June Bug" Mastriano, 91, of North Haven, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 4th, 2026, at the Connecticut Hospice, Branford always being surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of 66 years to the late Concetta Caponera Mastriano. Louis was born in New Haven on January 27th, 1935, and was the son of the late Louis R. Mastriano, Sr. and Mary DeMatteo Mastriano. Father of Deb Vissicchio, Louis (Cindy) Mastriano and Michael (Cherie Bragg) Mastriano. Brother of Anthony "Sparky" Mastriano (Nancy), Frank Mastriano (Janice), Bobby Mastriano and the late Joseph "Porky" Mastriano. Also survived by eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a special friend Joe Lawrence. Predeceased by his sister-in-laws of Elaine Mastriano and Theresa Mastriano.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the CT Hospice, Inc.(www.hospice.com.donate) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org)

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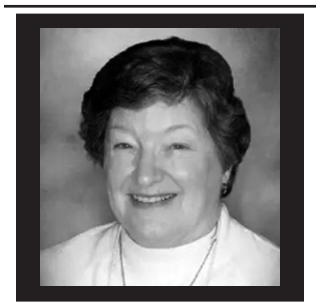

Anne Stevens, 89, departed this life on October 28, 2026 at Midstate Medical Center. She was the beloved wife of the late John V Stevens. Anne was born in Meriden, CT on April 4, 1937, a daughter to the late August and Frances (Perzanowski) Schott.

Anne is survived by her children; Karen Hutchinson (Christopher) and Kenneth Stevens (Cynthia). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Daryll Porto, Alyssa Porto, Kyle Stevens and Jordan Stevens, along with her 3 great grandchildren, Camdyn Porto, Dylan Porto and Parker Desautels. Sister Donna Schnitker (Mark), Brother Robert Schott (Lynn) Niece Deb Troiano, Nephews Bruce Marshall, Bill Marshall, Rob Schott, Andrew Bailey and John Bailey. She was predeceased by her Sisters, Phyllis Kahl and Jeanne Marshall and Brother Richard Schott. Nieces Robin Kahl and Kim Fazzina and Nephews Steve Bailey and Terry Bailey.

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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.



Dorothy E. Wawrzeniak, age 98, of North Haven, passed away on October 29, 2026. She was the wife of the late Peter Wawrzeniak. Dorothy was born in New York, NY, the daughter of the late John and Josephine Serdoch.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Jerry Wawrzeniak, Richard Wawrzeniak and his wife Priscilla, and Susan Lupoli; her grandchildren, Jason Peskurich, Jenifer and Lisa Wawrzeniak, Peter Wawrzeniak, Keith Wawrzeniak and his wife Magali, Chrissy Umberger and her husband Adam, and John Lupoli Jr.; and her great-grandchildren, Tyler, Mikayla, Riley, Mason, Savanna, John III, and Michael.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Tina Rossi and Josephine Sutila, and her son-in-law, John Lupoli Sr.

Should friends desire, please send memorial contributions to the St. Casimir's Polish National Catholic Church.

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Bernadette Tinari Riggs, 73, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Monday, November 2nd, 2026, at Hospital of Central Connecticut-New Britain with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of 49 years to Alan F. Riggs. Bernadette was born in New Haven on November 9, 1952, and was the daughter of the late John and Mary Zambrano Tinari. Mother of Rebecca Cabral (Jason), Matthew Riggs and Jason Riggs (Courtney). Grandmother of Grier and Sorin. Predeceased by brothers John and Anthony "Buddy" Tinari and an infant sister Maria.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to The Animal Haven, Inc., 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473 or Mystic Aquarium, 55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT 06355-1997.

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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Karl B. Holstein, 76, a lifelong resident of North Haven passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 1st, 2026, at Masonicare, Wallingford. Born in New Haven on February 15th, 1950, and was the son of the late Ernest and Marion Leach Holstein. Karl was a 1968 graduate of North Haven High School. He is survived by his brother David E. Holstein and his cat Penny.

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

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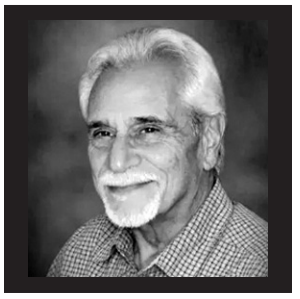

Richard Squeglia, 78, departed this life after a brief illness on October 29, 2026 at Yale New Haven Hospital in the loving presence of his wife, Sandra. Richard was born in New Haven, CT on January 22, 1948 to the late Anthony and Rita Dimeola Squeglia.

Richard is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sandra Haesche Squeglia, and is predeceased by his parents and his brother, Robert Squeglia.

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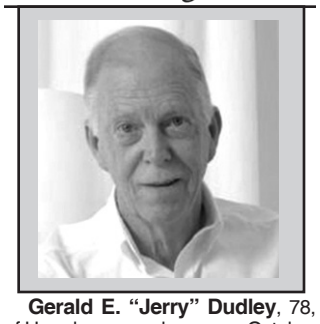

Gerald E. "Jerry" Dudley, 78, of Hamden passed away on October 30, 2026. Gerald was born in New Haven, Connecticut on September 30, 1948 to the late Richard and Gertrude Brayton Dudley.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Kirsten Dudley of East Haven; his son, Ryan Dudley of Killingworth; two grandchildren, Cameron and Morgan; his niece, AnnMarie Carlson of Niantic; two great-nieces, Mackenzie Clunan and Kennedy Carlson; his niece, Ruthann Feliciano, her three boys; and two additional nieces, Katie and Kristy Dudley. He is predeceased by his parents, and his siblings, Richard W. Dudley and Patricia Kreidler.

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Thomas Patrick Eagan, Jr., 84, formerly Northford, and most recently of Cheshire and Wells, Maine, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 2nd, 2026, at Yale New Haven Hospital, with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of 48 years to the late Irene Sullivan Eagan. Tom was born in New Haven on October 17th, 1942, and was the son of the late Thomas P. Eagan, Sr. and Asta Madelung Eagan. He served his country faithfully in the U.S. Army. Father of April (Gary) Reach, Denise (Chris) Eagan Jewell and Tommy (Angela) Eagan, III. Grandfather of Brenna Marie Reach and Owen Thomas Reach. Brother of Ronald Eagan, Patricia Julianelle and the late Edward Eagan. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

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