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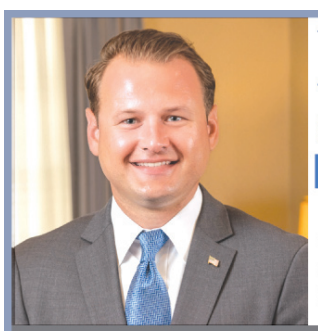

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OBITUARIES



Robert Charles Kennedy, age 83, passed away on November 5, 2026, in New Haven, Connecticut. He spent most of his life in Wallingford, living in a home built by a great-grandfather on the foundation of a building destroyed by a deadly tornado in 1878. Bob attended Wallingford public schools and Notre Dame High School in West Haven, from which he graduated in 1961. Bob was a Vietnam-era veteran and served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army; he was a HAWK missile crewman with Battery B, 6th Battalion, 60th Artillery in Regensburg, West Germany, including during the Warsaw Pact invasion of nearby Czechoslovakia in 1968. A recipient of the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal, Bob continued to visit with his Army buddies throughout his life.

Bob was predeceased by his beloved wife, Barbara Ann Kennedy, whose children he raised as his own; and a son, Nicholas Messina. He was also predeceased by his parents, Robert Thomas Kennedy and Beatrice Foucault Kennedy, and by aunts, uncles, cousins and many close friends.

Bob is survived by his children, Charles Wettish and wife Mary; Theresa Coyle and husband Kevin; Michele Messina; and Michael Messina Jr. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, James and Nancy, and their children Ileana and Prudencia.

Surviving grandchildren include Jemma Wettish and husband Raymond Gaylord, Hayden Wettish, Meaghan Coyle, Danielle Coyle, Samuel Messina, Matthew Messina, Bailey Messina and Brantley Benoit. Great-grandchildren include Kaya, Celeste, Phillip, William, Charles, Henry, Karsen, Ollie, Brooks, Charli and Harper. He is also survived by several cousins and their children and grandchildren.

Should friends desire, contributions may be made to the Annual Kiwanis Turkey Trot Road Race, Most Holy Trinity Church, the Alzheimer's Association and the American Heart Association.

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Filomena E. Furino, 96, of Hamden passed away peacefully on Friday, November 6th, 2026, at Hamden Health Care Center with her loving family by her side. Filomena was born in New Haven on May 31, 1930, and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Anna Acampora Melillo. Mother of Linda Furino, Paul A. Furino (Joan Andress) and the late Paula Sears. Loving grandmother of Harry F. Sears. Mother-in-law of Harry W. Sears.

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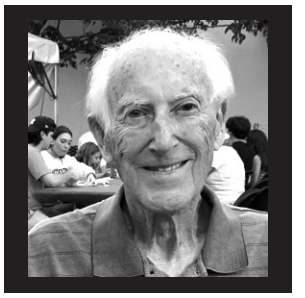

Leon Gouin, 99, of Wallingford, beloved husband of Annmarie Gouin, passed away peacefully on November 8, 2026 after a brief illness. Leon was born in Hartford, CT on October 6, 1927 to the late Marion Medhurst and Leo Gouin of Manchester. During World War II, Leon served with honor in the United States Navy as a Petty Officer Third Class, specializing in radar systems. In 1953, Leon married Annmarie, the love of his life, with whom he built a beautiful life in Wallingford, CT.

Leon is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Jeanine Gouin, their children, Taylor Bonin and Alex Bonetti; his daughter and grandchildren, Suzanne, Erica and Andrej Chludzinski; his daughter, Sharon Hoey, and his granddaughter and great-grandchildren, Elissa, Harper and Zuri Haroz. Leon is predeceased by his wife, Annmarie Gouin, his son, Leon Joseph (Joey) Gouin Jr, and his brother, Richard A. Gouin of Manchester.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be sent to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children, Attn. Processing Center, P.O. Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394.

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Robert B. Doyle Sr., age 90, of Wallingford passed away peacefully on November 9, 2026. He was born in Cobleskill, NY, the son of the late Alton and Joyce Palmer Doyle. At a young age he proudly served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Bob is survived by his son Robert Doyle Jr. and his wife Trish of Branford, his grandsons Nicholas Barbato and his wife Amy of Wallingford and Joseph Barbato of Windsor Locks, his great-grandson Vincent, his nieces Michelle Sumner and her husband Jonathan, Cynthia Rapp-Blaney and her husband Raymond, and his nephew Richard Rapp, and 5 great-nephews, 1 great-niece, 1 great-grandniece and his beloved Pekingese, Leah. In addition to his parents, Bob is predeceased by his beloved daughter Debra Ridente, his loving companion Eunice Watstein, and his siblings Elaine Biafore and Walter Doyle.

The family would especially like to thank the caregivers at Civita Care Cheshire and Beacon Hospice Care who provided Bob with comfort and peace in his final days.

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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.

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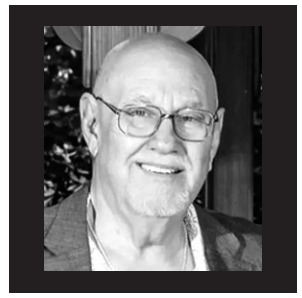

Gabriel "Gubby" Smiles Jr., 70, of Pinellas Park, FL, formerly of Wallingford CT, passed away on November 9, 2026. He was born in Meriden, CT, the son of the late Gabriel Sr. and Dorothy Lakotos Smiles. Gabriel proudly served his country in the United States Navy.

Gabriel is survived by his five children, Gabriel Smiles III (Melissa), Siobhan Smiles (Christopher), Shaina Smiles, Brendan Smiles (Breanna), and Jacqueline Smiles (Gregory); his six grandchildren, Kacie, Addie, Henry, Faith, Jayden, and Markus; his sisters, Tracey Smiles and Cynthia Smiles; and his Niece and nephews Cole Smiles, Jessica Lozowski and Russell Lozowski.

In addition to his parents, he is also predeceased by, his uncles, Ret. USMC 1stSgt George Smiles, Peter C. Smiles Sr., his cousin Peter "PJ" Smiles Jr., his friend and the mother of his children Patricia Sheahan.

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Kathleen Ann Hall "Kathi", 67, of Wallingford, CT, passed away on Friday, November 6, 2026 at her home. Kathi was born in Meriden, CT, December 23, 1958, a daughter of Joyce K. (Secon) Hall, and the late Raymond A. Hall.

She will be deeply missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Jamie and Cody Carlson; her grandchildren, Adrien and Mila Carlson; her sister, Eileen Michanczyk and her husband Dean; her brothers, Scott Hall and his wife Bam, and Brian Hall; along with her nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her sister, Diane.

Should friends desire, gifts in Kathi's memory may be made to the Misquamicut Beach Foundation at https://www.misquamicutbeachfoundation.org/ to help protect and preserve the beaches and community of Westerly, Rhode Island.

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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.



Joyce H. McGeehan, age 80, of Hamden passed away on November 9, 2026 at Midstate Medical Center. Joyce was born in New Haven on October 10, 1946, a daughter of the late Nels and Olga (Havelick) Farm. She was a resident of Hamden most of her life. She is survived by her beloved husband, Robert P. McGeehan, Sr.; her daughter, Michelle McGeehan, with whom she resided; her son, Robert P. (Kara) McGeehan, Jr. of Wallingford; her granddaughter, Lily McGeehan; sister, Shirley Farm of Hamden; and brothers, William (Betty) Farm of Sunrise, FL and Robert (Terri) Farm of Hamden. Joyce also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Beecher & Bennett
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Diane M. Cassella 79 of Hamden died suddenly at home November 6th. Born in New Haven, daughter of the late Anthony & Alice Baccelli Cassella. She is survived by a brother Joseph (Jan) Cassella of Southington, and a sister Leonore (Thomas) Iannucci of Madison. Diane was a devoted aunt to Alicia (Jim) Ferro, Thomas (Heather) Iannucci, Diana (Jeff) Westcott, Aimee (Anthony) Marsilo, and Andrea (Evin) Mosses.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the National MS Society (www.nationalmssociety.org)

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Marie DeFelice Zambrano, 93, of North Haven, passed away peacefully at her home on November 9th, 2026. She was born in New Haven on August 3rd, 1933. Her parents were Manuel and Anna (Grasso) DeFelice. She was predeceased by her husband Charles Zambrano, brother Frank (Chick) DeFelice, and lifelong friend Frances Haddon. Marie is survived by three children: Jean Marotta (Jim), Charles Zambrano (Diane), and Lisa Viola (Ernie). Marie is also survived by her six grandchildren: Craig, Caitlin, Beth, Donna, Joseph, and Andrew along with six great grandchildren: Benjamin, Julia, Hannah, Cecilia, Zack, and Emilia. Marie was able to stay in her own home, comfortable and happy due to the true devotion and exceptional nature of her caregiver and friend, Violet.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
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