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OBITUARIES



Kellie G. (Wilson) Ferguson, 85, of Wallingford, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on November 13, 2026, At Yale New Haven Hospital surrounded by the love of her family. She was the beloved wife of the late Donald Wesley Ferguson of 59 years, with whom she shared a lifetime of love, adventures, and cherished memories. Born on June 2, 1941, in Dobbs Ferry, New York, Kellie was the daughter of the late Charles and Doris (Mosher) Wilson. She spent part of her childhood in Ayer's Cliff, Quebec, Canada, before moving with her family to Wallingford in 1952, where she would make her home for most of her life.

Kellie leaves behind her two devoted daughters, Dawn Ferguson and Laurie Ferguson and her life partner Arthur Durant, all of Wallingford; her four grandchildren, Dana T. Whitman IV, Joshua T. Whitman, Keith Benjamin Rule, and Holly Rule-Johnson; three great-grandchildren, Dana T. Whitman V, Emmalyn Rule, and Griffin Wesley Whitman; her brother-in-law, Gary Ferguson, and his wife, Abbey; her nephews, Kyle Kowalczyk and Aaron Ferguson; and her nieces, Kristin Kowalczyk-Strontzer and Abigail Ferguson.

Should friends desire, donations can be made to: Bethesda Evangelical Mission (BEM) which feeds children in Haiti (www.bemhaiti.org).

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Richard Allen Papallo, 79, of Wallingford, Connecticut, passed away at his home at Ashlar Village, on Friday, November 13, 2026. He was the loving husband of Rita Dawn Papallo. Born on August 17, 1947, in Providence. A proud United States Navy Veteran, Richard served during the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of MR3 (E-4). His service to our country was recognized with several military honors, including the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Richard will be missed by his wife, Rita Dawn Papallo; his three daughters, Melissa Lesniak and her husband, John; Christine Venoit and her husband, JP; and Cynthia Howlett; his five cherished grandsons, Ethan Venoit, Trevor Venoit, Joshua Lesniak, John "L.J." Howlett Jr., and Cole Howlett; his sister, Marguerite "Peggy" Clancy and her husband, John.

He was predeceased by his mother, Marita Papallo Dow; his father, George Papallo; his stepfather, Elmer "Bud" Dow; his brother-in-law, Clifford "Skip" Miller; his sister-in-law, Marie Miller; and his grandfather, Theodore "Boko" Maynard.

Should friends desire, gifts in his memory may be sent to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, P.O. Box 70, Wallingford, CT 06492 (https://www.masonicare.org/support-masonicare).

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Dorothea Leona Macholl, 91, of Hamden, Connecticut, passed away peacefully at Apple Rehab Guilford on November 11, 2026. Dorothea was born on September 4, 1935, in Wilmington, Delaware, to Leo J. Pierce, Sr. and Dorothea Elder Pierce.

Dorothea will be lovingly remembered by her children, Dorothea MacDougall of Branford, Lawrence Walls (Susan) of Hamden, Michelle Hoffman (Dennis Bouffard) of East Haven, and Steven Macholl (Hillary Marino) of Branford. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Kevin MacDougall, II (Joan Metzler) of Cheshire, Corrine Devincentis (Michael) of Orange, Krysten Walls of New York City, and Brian Walls of Branford; as well as her great-grandchildren, Liam MacDougall, Kendall MacDougall, Dominic Devincentis, and Adriana Devincentis.

She was predeceased by her son, George Walls, Jr.; her six brothers, Leo J. Pierce, Jr., Andrew Pierce, Robert Pierce, Arthur Pierce, Alfred Pierce, and Francis Pierce; and her three sisters, Ruth Degel, Catherine Floriolli, and Mary Ann Pagan.

Should friends desisre, donations in Dorothea's memory may be made to the Hamden Animal Shelter at https://hamdenct.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1084/record-types/6457.

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



Peter Anthony Manzo, 79, of Wallingford, husband of Tina (Picard) Manzo, passed away peacefully November 16, 2026, with his wife by his side at MidState Medical Center in Meriden. Peter was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 13, 1947, son of the late Camillo ("Sonny") and Ann ("Lulu") Manzo. He lived in Brooklyn until he was 10, when his family moved to Branford, Connecticut. Peter served with the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. Following the service, he settled in Hamden, later moving to Wallingford where he lived for the last 30 years.

In addition to his wife, Tina, he is survived by his sons, Peter (Laurie) and Michael (Amy); his stepchildren who were like his own, Tonishia (Sean), Tristiana (Jeffrey), Samara and Joe (Corey); and his beloved grandchildren, Nina, Matthew, Michael, Alyssa, Juliana, Rocco, Ava, Stella, Nico, Juni and Leona. He also leaves his cousin Cathy Bilello and dear friend, Jack Beecher who were very much like siblings to him.

Should friends desire, donations may be made in Peter's memory to the American Stroke Association at stroke.org.

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Paul Francis Staffa, Jr., 90, of Hamden and formerly of North Haven passed away peacefully on Monday, November 16, 2026, at Shady Knoll Health Care Center. He was the beloved husband of the late Ida Lacey Staffa. Paul was born in New Haven on December 23, 1935, and was the son of the late Paul F. Staffa Sr. and Theresa Maresca Staffa. He leaves behind his cherished daughters Vivian (Robert, Sr.) Ferraro, Paula (Daniel) Siecienski, and Catherine (Rick Fenton) Goodman. Beloved grandfather of Robert (Alison) Ferraro Jr. and Lisa Marie (Jason) Jurczak. Loving great grandfather of Tyler Joseph Ferraro and Madisyn Faye Ferraro, he always loved to hear what they were up to and looked forward to seeing the latest pictures of them. Paul came from a family of seven children, and he is survived by his sisters Concetta Wilson, Ann Marie DePascale, and is predeceased by his brothers Joseph, Anthony and Daniel Staffa.

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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Virginia N. Munson Poltronieri, "Ginny," 79 of Wallingford, CT, passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2026, peacefully at home surrounded by her family. Ginny was born on May 30, 1947, in New Britain, Connecticut, to Kenneth and Dorothy "Val" Munson.

Ginny is survived by her husband of 58 years, George Poltronieri of Wallingford; her sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher and Karen of Enfield, and Daniel and Melissa of Bedford, NH; her grandchildren, Joel, Caroline, Charlotte, Dean, Ariana, and Zac; and her brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Paula Munson. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, who she adored. She is preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Valerie Munson.

Should friends desire, memorial donations may be made to The Sister's Project, P.O. Box 1643, Wallingford, CT 06492 www.thesistersproject.org

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Louis A. DiLella Jr., of Hamden, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on October 30, 2026, following a brief illness. Born on May 15, 1948, in New Haven, Connecticut, Lou lived a full and wonderful life surrounded by family, lifelong friendships, and countless cherished memories.

Louis leaves behind his beloved wife Peggy of 55 years. In addition, Lou leaves behind his daughters, Kathryn Bernor and her husband David; Elizabeth Cornelio and her husband David; his brother Richard DiLella and his wife June; his sister-in-law Joanne Mauro and her husband Nicholas and his brother-in-law Peter Olszyk and his wife Debbie. He was a cherished Poppy to Kyra and Robert Bernor. He was predeceased by his parents, Louis A. DiLella Sr. and Lena Cappiello DiLella. To his many nieces and nephews, he was the beloved Uncle Louie, a title he wore with great affection.

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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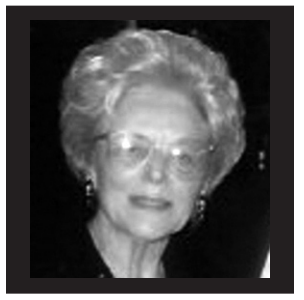

Anne C. Riccio, 100, a devoted mother, grandmother, and longtime member of the Hamden community, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 13, 2026, at Autumn Lake Healthcare in New Britain, Connecticut, just 17 days after celebrating her 100th birthday. Born on October 27, 1926, Anne was the daughter of the late Michael and Mary Cassella. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, John "Jack" Riccio, with whom she shared a lifetime of love, family, friendship, and treasured memories. Anne is survived by her two sons, Peter J. Riccio and his wife, Mary Ellen, of Southington, Connecticut, and David M. Riccio and his wife, Lauren, of Maine. She also leaves behind her four beloved grandchildren, John, Susan, Alexa, and Jeffrey, and seven great grandchildren who will remember her with great love and affection.

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