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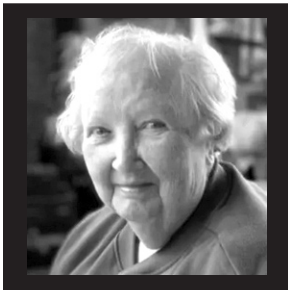
### SAFELY BURIED ALIVE

In 19th century Europe, fear spread about being buried alive. A growing number of doctors were pronouncing people dead when they were only unconscious or comatose. The safety coffin was invented to prevent this tragedy. Over 30 different safety coffins were designed in Germany alone during the second half of the 1800s. They all had one common element: a system allowing the buried person to communicate with people above ground. Basic designs included a hollow tube running into the coffin with a rope attached to an above-ground bell that the buried person could ring. More complex designs involved ringing a church bell, raiseable flags, and lighting firecrackers. Others included practical supplies like shovels, ladders, food, water, and breathing tubes.

The funeral home is an important part of any community. In addition to providing a variety of necessary services to the community such as burial services, cremation services, memorial services and celebrations of life, funeral homes also serve as resources for those grieving the loss of a loved one. To learn more, please call North Haven Funeral Home at 203-239-1179. We are located at 36 Washington Avenue.

Quote: "Have me decently buried, but do not let my body be put into a vault in less than two days after I am dead."

Dying request of George Washington

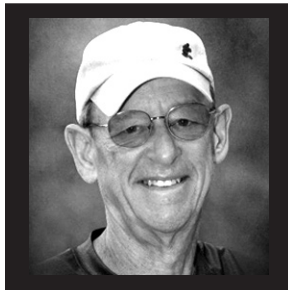


**Winifred Jensen Regan**, of North Haven, known to all as Peggy, passed away on January 4, 2025 surrounded by her family. She was 88 years old. 68 of her years were spent as the loving wife of Martin S. Regan. Peggy was born in New Haven, Connecticut, the daughter of the late Jorgen and Anna Wilhelmsen Jensen. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughters, Kathy Andrews and husband Jeff of Wallingford, Kim McGowan of Wallingford, and Kelley O'Brien and husband Daniel of Milford. She will be missed by the grandchildren she cherished, Erin Riley and her husband Daniel of Wallingford, Samantha Garbatini and her husband Steven of Wallingford, and Martin Pankosky of New Haven. She loved the new life her great-grandchildren, Oscar and Reese Riley and Jack Garbatini, brought into her family. Peggy is also survived by her brother-in-law Thomas Regan, his wife Carol of Hamden, and her sister-in-law Rosalyn "Cookie" Regan of Wallingford, along with many nieces and nephews.

Peggy was predeceased by her sisters Ethel Eddy and Alice Montgomery, her brother Edgar Jensen, her brothers-in-law Norman Eddy, David Montgomery, Robert Regan, and Dennis Regan, and sisters-in-law Marion Regan and Gladys Jensen.



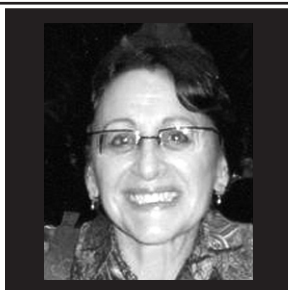
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**Terrell (Terry) C. Wooding**, 72, departed this life on January 4, 2025, at Masonicare in Wallingford. He was the beloved spouse of Janice (Brodeur) Wooding. Terry was born in Meriden on May 22, 1952, to the late John and Naomi (Terrell) Wooding.

In addition to his wife Janice, Terry will be cherished in the memories of his son, Keith and his wife Kamila; his brother, John and his wife Michelle; his sister in law Margit and nephews Max and Sebastian; his brother in law Rick Pattison and his wife Dawn; his chosen extended children Kevin & Heidi White along with their children Colton (Laurel), Patricia, Ty, and Gwendolynn who looked at him as "Grandpa Wooding" as well as his extended great granddaughter Jolene; his lifelong friends Bill and Sharon Albone as well as Anne Marie Reynolds and many other friends, nieces and nephews who were fortunate to know him. He was predeceased by his brother Geoffrey Wooding.

Should friends desire, contributions in his memory may be directed to the Wallingford Foundation, P.O. Box 213, Wallingford, CT 06492 or the Terry Wooding Scholarship of the AGC of Connecticut Scholarship Program, 912 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 112, Wethersfield, CT 06109.



**Sally Ann Nista**, 72 formerly of Hamden, died January 3rd in Philadelphia, P.A., after a brief illness. Born in New Haven, daughter of the late Angelo & Louise Barile Nista, She is survived by a brother George (Ann) Nista of Wallingford. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a brother Angelo Nista Jr.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the ASPCA (www.aspc.org)

Services were held at the



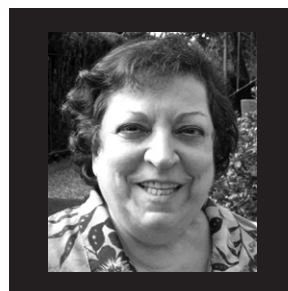
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**Peter L. Reed**, 67, of Wallingford, passed away on December 20, 2024. He was the beloved husband of Cindy (Rogers) Reed for 43 years. He was born in Meriden on July 20, 1957, a son of the late Charles Reed Sr. and Janet (Vanness) Reed.



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**Theresa "Terri" (Vitolo) Mendes**, 74, passed away in Wallingford on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of Antonio "Tony" Mendes for 51 years. She was born on February 28, 1950 in New Haven to the late Katherine (Dagostino) and Vincent Vitolo.

Ever present by Terri's side was the love of her life, her husband Tony. She also leaves behind her adoring sons and daughters in law; Christopher Mendes and his wife Lisa of Wallingford, and Michael Mendes and his wife Alicia of Meriden. Her greatest joy was spending time with her two grandchildren; Tyler and Hailey Mendes

Theresa's family would like to thank the wonderful caregivers who treated her with dignity and compassion during her illness.



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**Helen Gross Kuhn**, 93, of Wallingford, formerly of North Haven, passed away on December 25, 2024. She was predeceased by her husband of 58 years, John Kuhn. She was also predeceased by her son Robert Kuhn. Helen was the last surviving member of the Gross (Gruszcznski) Family Farm on Queach Rd in Branford, Ct. She was the sister to Stella, Sam, Charles, Casimir, Anna, Frank, Joseph, Alex, Walter and Jennie.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Masonicare, 22 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford, CT 06492.

Services were held at the



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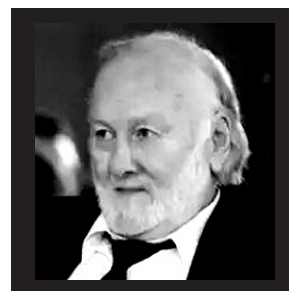


**Anthony J. Nuccini**, age 69, of Wallingford passed away on January 3, 2025. For 32 years he was the loving husband of Juliann Caruth Nuccini. Anthony was born in New Haven and was the son of the late Anthony and Anna Petroff Nuccini. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters Kristen (Justin Hagen) Nuccini and Britney Nuccini, his granddaughter, Parker Hagen, his sister Lillian DeSenti and many nieces and nephews. Anthony was predeceased by his sister, Rita Nuccini.

Should friends desire, donations may be made in Anthony's name to the Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org.



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**Charles William Henderson**, also known as Red passed away January 1, 2025. Red was born on September 26, 1943. He spent his first 9 years in an orphanage, which he always said wasn't that bad. He bounced around to several homes staying only for a few months at a time. Finally, at age 9, Red went to the home of Nils and Mildred Kronow and their daughter Dodie from Stratford, CT where he had a good life. He graduated from Bunnell High School in 1962. Then Red joined the United States Marine Corp and served active duty for four years. He was a very proud Marine.

Red is survived by his wife Beverly Freer Henderson, daughters Cindy Henderson, Shari Henderson and Nikki Henderson and son Bill Henderson and daughter-in-law Elysse Henderson.



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**Barbara R. McManus**, age 76, of North Haven passed away January 3, 2025 after a long illness. Barbara is survived by her beloved husband of 54 years, Justin T. McManus, her brother Kevin (Ursula) Platz, and many nieces and nephews. Barbara was predeceased by her parents, George and Camille Bonelli Platz, her brother, Kenneth Platz and her sister Deborah St. Pi. Born in Bronx, New York on March 10, 1948.

Should friends desire, contributions in Barbara's name may be made to The Mary Wade Home, www.marywade.org or to the Franciscan Mission at www.franciscan-missions.org

Services were held at the

www.beecherandbennett.com.



**Gary J. Chasse**, 67, of Wallingford, loving husband of Terri-Kaye (Monks) Chasse, passed away unexpectedly January 3, 2025. Gary was born in Meriden on February 9, 1957, a son of the late Clarence and Marie (Richards) Chasse.

In addition to his wife, Terri-Kaye, he is survived by his daughters, Katie Ferrari and her husband, Thomas, and Megan Robinson and her husband, Scott; his brothers, Rodney Chasse and his wife, Pamela) Wayne Chasse and Michael Chasse; his grandchildren, Dallas, Desiree and Shayne Ferrari and Avery and Oliver Robinson; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Steven Chasse.



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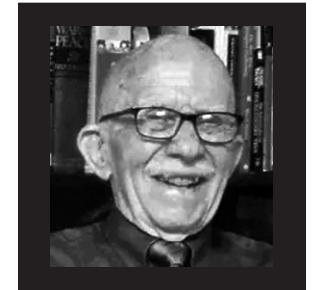
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**Alfred William Mueller**, 90, of Wallingford, loving husband of Nancy (Owen) Mueller for 61 years, passed away January 4, 2025 at MidState Medical Center in Meriden. Alfred was born on December 12, 1934, a son of the late Frederick and Alfaretta (Wamer) Mueller, living in Ansonia, CT during his youth. Alfred enlisted in the Marine Corp after his high school graduation, serving for 3 years.

In addition to his wife, Nancy, he is survived by his daughters, Karen Kremzar and her husband, David and Brenda Mueller-Lamore and her husband, Jeffrey; his grandchildren, Zachary, Christina, Ethan and Isabella; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert Mueller.



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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, 83 State Street (Kings Acres), North Haven, with payment, correct initials and code number found in lower left corner of prayer.



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