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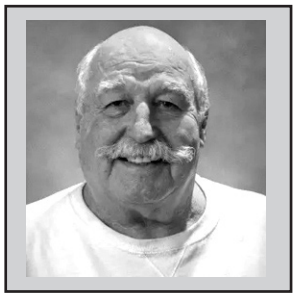

**Jeff Correia**, 80, of Wallingford, died on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at the Hospital of Central CT, New Britain. He was the loving husband of Patricia (Diette) Correia. Jeff was born in Putnam, CT, a son of the late Ernest and Genevieve (Katherine) Correia, and was raised in Dayville, CT.

In addition to his wife Patricia, he is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Alexander and Heather Stewart; his five grandchildren, Sara Stewart, Jack Stewart, Grace Joseph, Jacob Joseph and Luke Joseph; his in-laws, Diane Wypychoski, Dr. James Diette (Susan), Dr. Kevin Diette, Mary Ann Diette; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Jeff was predeceased by his sister, Patricia Ann Hoerter; and his brothers-in-law, Raymond "Duke" Diette.; and Ernest Diette Jr.

Should friends desire, gifts in Jeff's memory may be sent to the American Cancer Society www.cancer.org, or to the Meriden Humane Society, www.meridenhumanesocietyrescue.com/donate

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**Cecile (Cil) Yvette Chapman**, a longtime resident of North Haven, CT and most recently resident in Wallingford, CT, died on January 15, 2026, at the age of 96. Cil was born on May 25, 1929 in Providence, Rhode Island, and was the daughter of the late Louis Joseph Turenne and Marie-Blanche-Beatrice-Camelia Armstrong Turenne. Cil was predeceased by her parents and her late husband, Alfred (Al) James Chapman, Jr. Cil and Al were married on July 4,1953 in Willimantic, CT and were married for 71 years until Al's passing on July 17, 2024, at the age of 97.

Cil is survived by Cil & Al's six children - Gail Chapman Carbone of Branford, CT, Craig Chapman (married to Susan) of Greenwich, CT, Doreen Orme (married to Michael) of Willits, CA, Keith Chapman (married to Sunwha) of Huntington, CT, Brenda Fornal of Wallingford, CT, and Adrienne Chapman of North Haven, CT, as well as 13 grandchildren,18 great grandchildren and 4 nephews.

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
www.northhavenfuneral.com.

## St. Andrew's Worship Services

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, 1382 Middletown Ave., has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10am. Refreshments and fellowship always follow.

Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! All are always welcome! The Church is also open to all in the community for individual prayer, Tuesdays from noon to 2pm.

St. Andrew's supports many community programs, and contributes regularly to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services (NBSS) Thanksgiving Basket Share and Christmas Gift & Food Basket Share programs; NBSS Back-To-School Backpacks; clothing donations (donation shed located at the back of the church parking lot); and more.

A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as an Annual Rhubarb Fest, summertime Ice Cream Socials, and the annual Harvest Supper. Please join us for the events, and help us help our neighbors! Additionally, the church's Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc.

The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew's priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at (203) 710-7005.



**Harriet R. Wilson**, age 85, of Wallingford passed away, peacefully, on February 5, 2026. She was born at Grace New Haven Hospital, the daughter of the late Jack and Ruth Rossman. Harriet was raised in West Haven and at the age of 14, she met the love of her life Jack Wilson. They moved to Wallingford in 1963 and shared 49 beautiful years together, until the time of his passing in 2003.

Harriet loved her chihuahua, Taco for more than 15 years and was a great lover of animals.

Harriet is survived by her children, Stacey (Robert) Erasmus, Jon and Jef Wilson, and Deb (Ron) Sutfin, her cherished grandchildren, Hailey and Tyler Wilson, Brianna Erasmus, TSgt Samantha (TSgt Griffin Brien USAF) Brien USAF, and Julian Wilson.

Should friends desire, donations may be made in her name to either the Wallingford Senior Center or the Meriden Humane Society.

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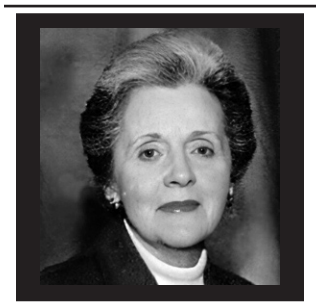

**Lucille Gentile**, 96, wife of the late Angelo L. Gentile, MD, passed away February 8, 2026, peacefully in her residence. She was born in Auburn, MA May 24, 1929, a daughter of the late Philip Eldon and Lucille Leishman Brooks, and resided in North Haven for many years.

Mother of Lucia Macare, Laura Ibsen Kimberly, and the late Gabriel Macare. Grandmother of Alyssa Buontempo, Michael DeFabio, and Leslie Macare. Great-grandmother of Liana Buontempo, Jace Buontempo, Callie Mae DeFabio, and Corbin Michael DeFabio. Aunt of Leslie Route, Laurie Gray, and Leigh Anna Reichenbach. She was predeceased by her sister, Laura Brooks Wight, brother, William F. Brooks, and niece, Linda Wight Mazur.

Should friends desire, contributions in Lucille's memory may be sent to the American Heart Association, www.heart.org.

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



**Kenneth Polanski**, a longtime resident of Wallingford, entered into eternal rest on February 5, 2026. A devoted Veteran, father, brother, son and a soul defined by quiet kindness, peacefully passed away at the age of 78. Kenneth was born in New Haven CT on February 25, 1947. A proud sailor, he served with distinction in the United States Navy. His commitment to his country took him across the globe including (2) tours during the Vietnam War and significant service throughout Europe. Honorably discharged as an E5-Second Class Petty Officer, NAVY. Hooyah!

Kenneth is survived by his son, Marc Polanski and wife Yesenia of CA and grandchildren Riley Polanski, Alana Polanski, Aneth Gramajo and Francine Gramajo. He is predeceased by his father Walter Polanski, mother Alice Matyas Polanski and brother Robert Polanski.

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**Walter W. Kaercher Sr.** was born on February 6, 1928 in West Haven, CT to Frederick and Mildred Kaercher and passed away peacefully on February 10, 2026. He was happily married for 47 years to the late Phyllis M. Kaercher, who passed away on October 22, 2024. Prior to marrying Phyllis, Walter was married to Mildred F. Kaercher who passed away in 1965. He joined the United States Navy where he served on the USS Borie (DD-704) for two years. Walter lived in North Haven, CT for 49 years.

Walter was predeceased by his wife, Phyllis M. Kaercher,and is survived by his children: Walter Kaercher, Jr. (Kori), Marisa Esposito, and John Esposito (Melody). He is also survived by his three granddaughters whom he loved deeply: Mariana Santiago, Alexa Esposito (Sammi Myers), and Haley Kaercher.

Should friends desire, donations may be made to Animal Haven, 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473.

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## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**"NOONDAY SERVICE"**

**Northford:** St. Andrew's invites the community to a weekly "Noonday Service" - a brief worship service, on Tuesdays at noon.

Also, the church is open for individual prayer and contemplation. Light a prayer candle and enjoy the peace of the beautiful St. Andrew's sanctuary, Tuesdays from noon-2pm. All are welcome.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, The White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford, is located at 1382 Middletown Avenue.


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**Elizabeth L. "Betty" (Grassi) DaCunto**, 85, of Wallingford, passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Yale New Haven Hospital. She was the beloved wife of Joseph H. DaCunto. Betty was born in New Britain, June 5, 1940, daughter of the late Peter and Irma (Cantamessa) Grassi and was raised in Berlin.

In addition to her husband Joe, she will be missed by her son and daughter-in-law, Joseph DaCunto Jr. and Meggan (Grant); her daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Thomas Pallotta; her grandchildren, Candace and Marcus Massaro, Garrett, Jake and Jordan DaCunto, and Thomas and Marissa Pallotta; her sister and brother-in-law, Elaine and Daniel Dombrowski; and many nieces, nephews, family and dear friends.

Should friends desire, gifts in Betty's Memory may be sent to: Special Olympics CT (www.soct.org).

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## SS. Peter & Paul Pierogi Sales

**Wallingford:** SS. Peter and Paul Church, at 127 N. Orchard Street will be selling pierogi in the church classrooms from 11am-1pm on Friday, March 10, March 17 and March 24.

Cheese, potato and prune will be available at $10 per dozen.

### Northford Congregational Church Sunday Service

Please join us at Northford Congregational Church, 4 Old Post Road for Sunday Service at 10am.

Visit our Website: northford congregational.church

Follow us on YouTube, Tik Tok, Instagram, and Twitter: NCCHSMove

Find us on Facebook: Northford Community Church or Northford Congregational Church.

## St. Ann's Food Pantry

**Hamden:** St. Ann's Food Pantry at 322 Circular Avenue (rear building), is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30am.

For more information, please call (203) 248-0141.



**Alexis Figueroa**, was born on October 8, 1964 and passed away unexpectedly on February 9, 2026. He was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico and lived most of his life in Brooklyn before settling in Connecticut where he met his future wife. Most of all he was a proud father and Papa to his four grandchildren.

Alexis is survived by his former wife and good friend, Kristi, his daughter Kelsey (Adam), sons Chasen (Colleen), Braden (Rockelle), and his grandchildren, Lily, Alessia, Amara, and Colton. He will also be very missed by Brady, his little chihuahua and man's best friend.

Should friends desire, to make a donation in his memory, please consider the Wounded Warriors Project, or the Wallingford Animal Shelter.

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## Lenten Retreat

**Hamden:** The Saint Paul VI Columbiettes cordially invite all community members, parishioners and friends to a Lenten Retreat on Sun., March 8, 1-4pm in the Saint Rita Parish Center, 1620 Whitney Avenue.

Sister Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ, Director of the Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center will present "We are Companions on His Journey of Hope"…"I hear your cry and I will carry you." This is an opportunity to enhance your relationship with God during your Lenten Journey. There is no charge for this event. Refreshments will be served.

***RSVP by March 1st.*** Email: stpaulvicolumbiettes@gmail.com

### 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.**



**Rose Bernabucci**, of North Haven, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 11th, 2026, daughter of Peter and Genoveffa Bernabucci. Born 1928 in New Haven. Sister of Frances Ricci, North Haven, CT. Predeceased by sisters Mary Gagliardi and Elsa Antinarella, and brother Dario Bernabucci. She grew up in the Morris Cove and City Point neighborhoods of New Haven.

During WWII, Rose was a sergeant in the Civil Air Patrol, an adjunct to the US Air Force. She learned to fly planes and ran drills.

Rose leaves grandnieces, Stephanie Bruno, Megan Gagliardi, Ashley Rodriguez, Mikayla Otis, and Iris Bell. She leaves grandnephews Keith Korin, Ronald Zarro, Daniel Healey, and Balthazar Ricci. Predeceased by Michael Gagliardi.

Should friends desire, Rose requests donations to Prader-Willi Alliance of New York,www.prader-willi.org. or Autism Services and Resources Connecticut www.cliffordbeersccc.org

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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## Masonicare Hospice Seeking Volunteers

**Wallingford:** Masonicare Hospice is seeking new volunteers for all areas of CT and the Westerly, RI region.

Hospice volunteers assist in many ways, including companionship (in person or through phone calls), sitting vigil, quiet conversations, family support, expressive arts, spiritual care, and clerical tasks in the office. We are also looking for Veterans who are interested in visiting other Veterans through our "We Honor Veterans" program.

Volunteers set their own time schedules and will receive ongoing support and training. Our volunteers tell us they are amazed at how much they get out of this experience!

Complimentary, virtual or in-person training classes are available. To learn more or sign up, please contact Jolan Szollosi, Volunteer Coordinator, at (203) 679-5342.