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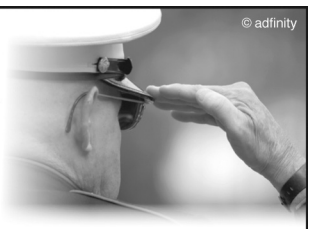

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OBITUARIES



Stephen "The Governor" McGovern, 57, of Northford passed away peacefully on Monday, March 16th, 2026 at Yale-New Haven Hospital with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of 30 years to Carol Caruso McGovern. Steve was born in New Haven on July 31st, 1968 and was the son of the late Kathleen Longyear Perrotti and Dominic Perrotti.

Loving father of Stephen McGovern, Jr. (Briana) and Jordan McGovern (Shane Duhamel). Brother of Daniel McGovern (Bridget) and Greg McGovern (Toni). Brother-in-law of Linda Caruso. Uncle of Ryan McGovern (Veronica), Kaitlin, Connor, Grant, Avery and Jack McGovern. Predeceased by his father Dan McGovern Sr.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Yale-New Haven Transplant Center, 800 Howard Avenue, New Haven, CT 06519.

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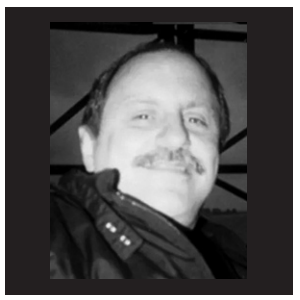

Richard Andrew "Richie the Barber" Dagliere, Sr., 84, of Wallingford, formerly of North Haven, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 16th, 2026, at the Connecticut Hospice in Branford, with his loving family by his side. He was the beloved husband of 64 years to Rose Marcheggiani Dagliere. Richie was born in New Haven on July 24th, 1941, and was the son of the late Augustine and Lena Esposito Dagliere. In addition to his wife, Richie is survived by his son, Mark (Suzanne) Dagliere, his daughter-in-law, Debra Dagliere, brothers, Kenneth and Barry (Carol) Dagliere, and sister-in-law, Beverly Marcheggiani DeStefano. Richie was predeceased by his son, Richard Dagliere, Jr., and his brother-in-law Rick DeStefano.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org.

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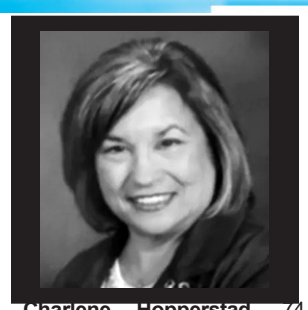

Charlene Hopperstad, 74, of Wallingford, passed away on Sunday, March 8th, 2026, at the Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford. Charlene was born in Oakland, California on November 14th, 1951, and was the daughter of the late Charles and Helene Lewis Clark.

Charlene is survived by her sons, David Royal Hood and James Joel Hopperstad, her grandson, Zachary Hopperstad, and her siblings, Don Joseph Clark and Cheryl Mogensen. She was predeceased by her sons, Christopher Andrew Hopperstad and Thomas Jon Hopperstad, her brothers, Charles Lee Clark and Michael Lewis Clark, and her sister, Sandi Mejia.

In lieu of traditional calling hours, there will be a celebration of life to follow the burial at J.Roo's Restaurant, 243 State Street in North Haven, CT, from 5:30-8:30pm on Wednesday, April 1st, 2026.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
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Marian K. Malone McFarland, 95, of Wallingford, formerly of Northford, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at Masonicare with her loving family by her side. She was the beloved wife of 66 years to the late Orrin A. McFarland. Marian was born in New Haven on October 12, 1930, and was the daughter of the late Walter and Estelle Walczak Malone. Mother of Regina (Gary) Johnson and the late David and Orrin McFarland II. Mother-in-law of Jeanne McFarland (whose been like a daughter). Grandmother of Michael McFarland. Predeceased by her brothers Russell and Walter Malone Jr.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be to St. Ambrose Parish, 30 Caputo Road, North Branford, CT 06471.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
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St. Ann's Food Pantry

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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.



Paul Sandberg, 81, of Wallingford departed this life on March 15, 2026 at Masonicare in Wallingford. Paul was born in Detroit Lakes, MN to the late Reverend Ralph and Eleanor (Valberg) Sandberg.

A very proud PapaPaul to Ryan and Katie and Poppi to Madilyn and Parker, Paul always looked forward to spending time with the grandkids.

Paul is survived by his loving wife of 57 years Merilyn, daughter Heidi Rozie (Tony), son Erik Sandberg (Sarah), grandchildren Ryan & Katie Arndt and Madilyn & Parker Sandberg, sisters Rosemary Padden (Mark) and Ruth Voosen (Ed), and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents Paul was predeceased by his brother LTJG Joel A. Sandberg.

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Harriet Ruth Goldberg, age 79, of Wallingford passed away on March 12, 2026. She was the loving wife of the late Maxwell Goldberg. Harriet was born in New Haven, the daughter of the late Harvey and Faye Galvin Glazer.

Harriet is survived by her loving sons, Adam Goldberg and his wife Kerri Ricardo of Stamford and Jonathan Goldberg and his wife Lauren of Cheshire, her cherished granddaughters, Isobel, Alexandra, and Gabriella, and her brother Martin Glazer of Florida.

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Antoinette A. Codianne Gianfriddo, 83, North Haven passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 17th, 2026 at the Connecticut Hospice, Branford with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late Louis J. Gianfriddo. Antoinette was born in New Haven on May 17, 1942, and was the daughter of the late Michael and Carmela Laccone Codianne. Mother of Jon D. Gianfriddo (Karen), Carol Ann Miller (Art) and the late Louis M. Gianfriddo. Loving Mema of Jessica, Jackie and Jon Gianfriddo, Tayler and Cameron Monroe. Sister of Gerri D'Angelis.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Connecticut Hospice, Inc., 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, Connecticut 06405

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In Memoriam



Marc Anthony Casella
3/26/1984 – 3/6/2008

Eighteen years have passed since you left us. Our lives have never been the same. We loved you then, now and always. Your smile lives in our hearts forever.

Love you,
Mom, Dad, Grandpa,
Grandma, Cristina, Anita



Bruce R. St. Pierre, 73, of Hamden, passed away on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at Yale New Haven Hospital. Born in Methuen, MA, on July 17, 1952, a son of Claire (LeGendre) St. Pierre of Wallingford and the late Roland J. St. Pierre. Bruce was a U.S. Army Veteran.

In addition to his mother Claire, he is survived by his sister, Cheryl and her husband Michael J. Fox of Pembroke, NH; his brothers, Gary and his wife Nancy of Bristol, Mark and his wife Debbie of Warwick, RI, and Michael and his wife Susan of Aurora, NC, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Christopher V. St. Pierre.

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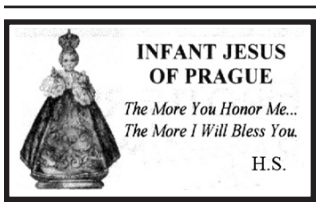

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