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Presented by Brian W. Havens

Avoiding Cliches: What to Say When Someone Dies

Visiting a bereaved family can be awkward and uncomfortable. Sometimes people avoid these situations completely, from fear of saying the wrong thing or simply not knowing what to say. Even with best intentions, the wrong words at this delicate time can be painful. Under pressure, we often turn to clichés, but these overused statements may be untrue and often don't make people feel better. Other things to avoid are unsolicited advice, comparisons to other deaths, interrogations about the death, judgements about the death or deceased, and placing blame on caretakers. Sometimes a grieving person really needs a good listener or someone to sit with in silence. A simple statement of support and offer to help may be your best gift.

When in the position of wanting to help a friend or loved one in grief, our first desire is often to try to "fix" the situation, when in all actuality our good intentions can lead to nothing but more grief. Knowing the right thing to say is only half of the responsibility of being a supportive emotional caregiver. To learn about our services, please call 203-239-1179. We are located at 36 Washington Avenue.

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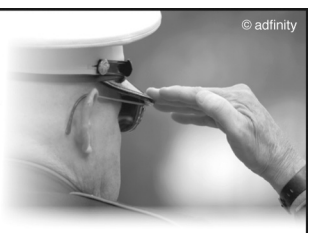

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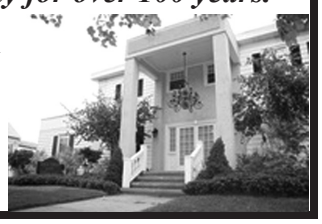

OBITUARIES



Theresa "Terry" Douville, age 92, of Wallingford beloved wife of Alan Douville, departed this life on May 3, 2026, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in New Haven, CT, on June 8, 1933, daughter of the late Ernest and Carmelina Fassio Merlone.

She is survived by her husband, of 72 years, Alan and their four children, Richard Douville and his wife Patricia of Brays Island, S.C. and Sante Fe, N.M., Lori Feeney and her husband Christopher of Wallingford, Robin Douville of Wallingford, and Alan Douville and his wife Lisa of St. Joseph, MI. her six beloved grandchildren, Ethan, Sean, Ian, Alec, Elena, and Liz and three great grandchildren, Parker, Christopher and Blair. She also leaves her niece Tracey Parsons of Wallingford. In addition to her parents, Terry is predeceased by her sister Flora Inger.

Should friends desire, donations may be made in her memory to Franciscan Hospice Care (www.franciscanhc.org)

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Miguel Velásquez, 43, of Hamden, Connecticut died suddenly on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. He was the beloved husband of Elvia Escobar. Miguel was born in Huehuetenango, Santa Eulalia, Guatemala on February 2, 1983, a son of Juana Velásquez of Huehuetenango and Serapio Velásco of México, and resided in Los Angeles, CA for five years before moving to Hamden in 2006.

In addition to his wife and parents, Miguel is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Velásquez and a son, Carlos Velásquez of Hamden, two sisters, Dominga Velásquez of Los Angeles and Marta Velásquez of Huehuetenango, three brothers, Miguel Velásquez of Los Angeles, Andrés Velásquez of New Haven and Venicio Velásquez of Huehuetenango, his father-in-law and mother-in-law Edgar and Reymunda Escobar of Hamden, and many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services were held at the
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Katie Cipolli, age 41, of Wallingford passed away on April 28, 2026. She was born in New Haven, the loving daughter of Ernest and Karen (Poppendick) Cipolli of Wallingford.

In addition to her parents, Katie is also survived by her adoring son, Jay "J.J." Cipolli, her brother John Cipolli and his wife Val of Wallingford, her niece Violet Cipolli, her aunts and uncles, Kathe Wynne of Wallingford, Bobby Poppendick and his wife Donna of West Haven, and Richard Averill of West Haven.

Katie was predeceased by her brother, Ernesto "Rocky" Cipolli III, her fraternal grandparents Ernest Sr. and Patricia Cipolli, her maternal grandparents John and Margaret Poppendick, her aunt Linda Averill and her uncle Jack Wynne.

Should friends desire, donations can be made to a trust in J.J.'s name, for more details please contact the family.

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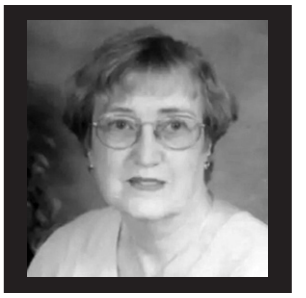

Priscilla St. John Raffaele, 92, of Wallingford, formerly of Okatie, S.C. passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 at Masonicare in Wallingford. She was the beloved wife of the late Martin Raffaele. Priscilla was born in New Haven on May 10th, 1933, and was the daughter of the late Edward and Alice McManus St. John. Loving mother of Michele Raffaele and her husband Pasquale Nastri. Devoted grandmother of Raffaela and Andrew Nastri. Sister of Mary Lydell, Sheila St. John and the late Muriel Carrignan. Sister-in-law of Marie Raffaele

Should friends desire memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Boulevard, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489 or The Masonicare Charity Foundation of Connecticut, P.O. Box # 70, Wallingford, CT 06492.

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Edward Thomas Dercole, 93, of Hamden, passed away peacefully at home on April 29, 2026. Born in Englewood, New Jersey on April 22, 1933, Edward was the son of the late John and Johanna Dercole, and the brother of the late John Dercole and Dorothy Herman. He was also predeceased by his former wife, Norma Dercole. A proud Marine and Korean War veteran, Ed went on to serve his community with distinction as a dedicated police officer and detective for the Hamden Police Department for 37 years. He also served as President of the Hamden Police Benevolent Association.

He was a proud and loving father to Joni (David) Preller, Edward (Susan) Dercole, and Cynthia (Edward) Ercolano. He was a devoted grandfather to Matthew (Mayra) and Aaron Freier; Edward and Anthony Dercole; Brittany (Dino) Mancinelli; Joseph (Alexa) Ercolano; and Lauren (Kevin) Small. He was also blessed with seven great-grandchildren: Luciano, Nico, and Giovanni Ercolano; Luca and Matteo Small; and Gianna and Dino Mancinelli.

A heartfelt thank you to his incredible aid, Kerryann, whose compassion, dedication and unwavering care has meant so much over the past year and a half.

Services were held at the
WASHINGTON MEMORIAL
Funeral Home
North Haven.



Philip H. Hagele, age 95, passed away in the comfort of his daughter's home on May 3, 2026. For 56 years, he was the loving husband of the late Loretta Corcoran Hagele. Phil was born in New Haven, CT, the son of the late Philipp and Ana Meyers Hagele. He was a proud US Army Veteran, serving during the Korean War.

Phil is survived by his children, Linda Read and her husband Gaylord (Guz) of Wallingford, David Hagele and his wife Renee of East Haddam, his grandchildren, Steven Read and his wife Tracy of Wallingford, Michelle Sepulveda and her husband Michael of Wallingford, his great grandchildren, Cory, Brynn, & Carly Read, Brianna & Carissa Sepulveda, his dear friend Geraldine Tommaselli of North Haven, his cousin Carol Kelleher of Guildford, his brother-in-law Thomas Corcoran of North Haven, and sister-in-law Doreen Corcoran of North Haven. In addition to his wife and parents, he is also predeceased by his sister Barbara Boyd and her husband Harold, his brother Frank Hagele and his wife Beatrice.

The family would like to thank the Franciscan Hospice Care for all their care and support during these difficult times.

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Richard P. Quinn, Sr, of Wallingford, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 at the age of 86. Born in Hempstead, New York, at the start of World War II, Rich was the youngest of 10 brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his son, Richard P. Quinn, Jr (Sandy) of Madison, CT; daughter, Lori Quinn Dannheim (Eric) of New York, NY; and four grandchildren, Cameron Quinn, Conner Quinn, Annabel Dannheim and Samantha Dannheim.

Should friends desire, donations may be made to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

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Daniel K. Hogan, 67, of Grant, Florida formerly of Meriden, Ct passed peacefully with family and friends by his side on April 9, 2026.

Born in New Haven January 27, 1959, beloved son of John and Adrienne Piscitelli (Jack and Renee) Hogan of North Haven.

Cherished brother of Catherine Korwek and, brother-in-law Kevin J. Korwek, I of Madison, Jacqueline Farber and, husband Michael of Northford, and Carolyn Gambardella of Guilford.

Dear Uncle of Joseph M (Bridget) Lieto, Sr., Paige Korwek, Kevin J. Korwek, II (Fiancee, Elizabeth Kirker) and Corey Gambardella. Grand Uncle to Joseph M. Lieto, Jr. and Kevin J. Korwek III.

Dan is survived by several loving aunts and uncles and a host of very close cousins. He was a generous mentor to several Godchildren and always helpful to a plethora of friends. Will be missed by dear friend Jennifer Gsell and his sweet dog Dixie of Florida.

Dan attended St. Francis School in Fair Haven, Notre Dame Highschool, West Haven and University of New Haven with Bachelor's degrees in Business, Aeronautics and Criminology. An entrepreneur, he owned Shoreline Compressed Gas and subsidiaries in North Haven and Hogans Alley Paintball, Meriden and Powder Ridge, semi-retired several years ago.

A scuba diving enthusiast, he dove the depths of the Caribbean and Red Sea.

An avid pilot, he soared the sky in his double engine Piper. He was a member of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Association and other aviation and business Organizations.

He was a member of the Elks, West Haven for 38 years.

Contributions in Dan's memory may be made to: Suntree-Viera Pet Rescue, P.O. Box 41013, Melbourne, Fl. 32941-0123



Michael Simmons, 60, of Hamden, formerly of North Haven, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 30th, 2026, at his home. Born in New Haven on November 18, 1965, he was the son of the late Rosalie J. Giannini Franchi and Robert Simmons. Brother of Gary Simmons, Mark Simmons and the late Regina Munroe. Nephew of Elaine Giannini, Dolores Bystrack and the late Donald Bystrack. Grandson of the late Guido and Lillian Giannini.

Services were held at the
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