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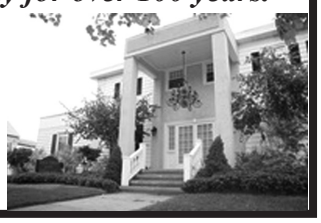

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FOUR FEET UNDER

There are several theories about where the saying "six feet under" comes from: grave-digging ease and safety, to prevent graverobbing, to stop the spread of diseases like the black plague, and the folklore that a grave should be as deep as a person is long. These days most graves are approximately four feet deep. There aren't any nationwide regulations, so grave plot specifications are determined by state (or by city or county if a state has no rules). Many states and municipalities have standards for a grave's width, length, and spacing between them. Sometimes burial in a vault or grave liner means you don't have to go as deep. Graves may also be dug according to religious customs and specifications.

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Quote: "There are three needs of the griever: To find the words for the loss, to say the words aloud and to know that the words have been heard." Victoria Alexander

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OBITUARIES



Gerald "Jerry" Blank passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on May 16th, 2026, at Yale New Haven Hospital. Born in 1959 to Rose Blank.

A resident of North Haven, Connecticut for over 30 years, Jerry raised his four children, Corey, Kelsey, Casey, and Sam, in the community he loved deeply. He coached youth baseball at Max Sinoway Field, built lifelong friendships at local favorites including J-Roo's and Hard Hat Cafe, and proudly operated his family business, Kelly Enterprise.

He is survived by his children Corey, Kelsey, Casey, and Sam; Christine Palmucci, mother of his children; his daughter-in-law Jessica; future daughter-in-law Katy; his daughter's fiancé Nick; his grandchildren Blake, Jenna, Peyton, and Tatum; his siblings Jim, Tracy, Diana, Linda, and Kelly; his longtime partner Jennifer Shore; and many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and lifelong friends.

The family would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jim and Millie Blank for the love, faith, and unwavering support they brought to Jerry and the entire family throughout this difficult journey.

Should friends desire, the family asks that donations be made in Jerry's honor to Yale New Haven Smilow Cancer Hospital to support lymphoma research and patient care.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
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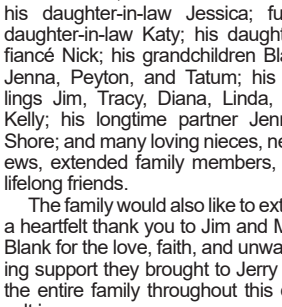

Barbara Dobratz Riotte, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, neighbor, and friend, died at the age of 91 on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026. She passed peacefully at home surrounded by the love of her family after a life defined by faith, devotion, generosity, and service. Raised in Wallingford, Barbara held a lifelong affection for South Orchard Street and the community that shaped her early years.

Barbara was predeceased by her loving husband of 62 years, Eugene "Gene" Riotte, her parents Frank Otto Dobratz and Katherine Unger Dobtratz, and her beloved sister, Catherine Norrie.

Barbara was the proud and devoted mother of five children: Eugene Riotte Jr. (Lynn Riotte), Mary Riotte (Sean Fennessy), Ann Richo (Greg Richo), Katherine Riotte, and Margaret Grimsby (Sam Grimsby). She was also the cherished grandmother of fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, each of whom brought immense joy to her life.

Should friends desire, gifts in Barbara's memory may be sent to: the American Heart Association.

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Constance Marie Ferrara, born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on January 3, 1936, died quietly after a brief illness on May 12, 2026. She was the daughter of the late Anne Bachmann Semos and Thomas Semos. She was also predeceased by two sisters Joan D'Agostino and Doris Farrell, and her son-in-law Timothy Keogh.

Connie had a very large, loving family; children, Carol Dolny (Andrew), Susan Keogh, and Russell Ferrara (Suzanne), 10 grandchildren; Jennifer (Eric), Lisa (Paul), Andrew, T.R. (Stephanie), Ryan (Kaitlyn), Justin (Corry), Randi (Ellie), Shawn (Jessica), Anthony and Samuel, and 9 great grandchildren; Sophia, Callie, Anderson, Nahla, Landon, Lola, Delilah, Jack and Jameson. She is also survived by her sister Patricia Savino, her brothers Robert Semos and Richard Semos, and many nieces and nephews across the U.S.A.

After living in Bridgeport, Stratford and Wallingford over her lifetime, Connie finally ventured to Atria-Larsen Assisted Living in Hamden in 2025. She truly enjoyed the many activities offered there and the new found friendships with her Golden Girls.

Should friends desire, please consider a contribution to The Sisters' Project of Wallingford (www.thesistersproject.org), which will help other families battling cancer.

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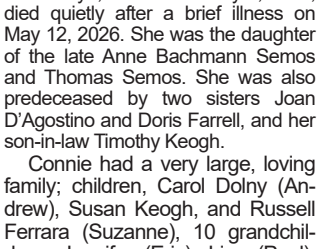

David Michael DelGiudice, passed away on May 18, 2026 at the age of 67. He was born in New Haven, CT and grew up in Hamden, CT. He had currently been residing in Stamford, CT.

David is survived by his wife, Nancy DelGiudice; brother, Stephen DelGiudice (Felicia); nephew, Nicholas DelGiudice; nieces, Brianna DelGiudice Rodriguez (Jon) and Samantha DelGiudice; and his father-in-law, two sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law, three nephews, and a niece.

Should friends desire, to send donations to the Masonic Lodge that David was a part of: Hiram Lodge No. 18, P.O. Box 526, Sandy Hook, CT 06482-0526.

Services were held at the Beecher & Bennett
www.beecherandbennett.com.

North Haven Congregational Church

WORSHIP SERVICE
Worship Service at the North Haven Congregational Church is held on Sundays at 9:30am.
Come and visit - you are welcome



Lee Alan Kerrison, 50, of Milford, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in his home. He was born in Haverfordwest, Wales, UK on November 13, 1975, to Alan Kerrison and the late Stephanie (Clark) Kersey. Lee began his early life in Wales before moving to Wallingford, CT with his family in 1990. After graduating from Lyman Hall High School, he spent time back in Wales before returning to Connecticut in the early 2000s.

He was a cherished father, son, brother, nephew, uncle, cousin, and friend, and he will be missed tremendously by all whose lives he touched on both sides of the Atlantic - but most of all by his beloved children, Grey Ryan Kerrison and Minka Bardot Kerrison, both of Milford, CT.

Should friends desire, donations in his memory may be made in his name to The Animal Haven (theanimalhavenct.org) or the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery

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Gina M. Giannotti Acampora, 58, of North Haven, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 18th, 2026, at the Autumn Lake Healthcare at Madison with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of 31 years to Benito "Ben" A. Acampora. Gina was born in New Haven on January 23rd, 1968, loving daughter of George E. and Antoinette DeCusati Giannotti. A 1986 graduate of North Haven High School. Loving and devoted mother to Michael B. Acampora (Bella) and Anthony J. Acampora. Beloved sister of Pamela G. Hewitt (Robert). Aunt of Eric J. and Lindsey E. Hewitt. Daughter-in-law to Nancy Acampora and the late Benito M. Acampora.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
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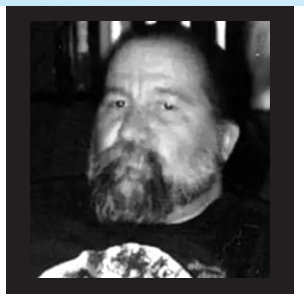
Food Pantry Dishes Out Groceries for Those in Need

North Haven: The Churches of North Haven Food Pantry is located at the North Haven Congregational Church. Those in need can call (203) 239-5691 to provide information to be registered for receiving non-perishable food once per month at pre-arranged scheduled pickup times.

Anyone wanting to make a monetary or non-perishable donation can also call the North Haven Congregational Church, (203) 239-5691. Neighbor helping neighbor. There is food need year-round. Volunteers staff the Food Pantry to make food available for pre-scheduled monthly pickups.



Gary D. Pender, 71, passed away peacefully at Hartford Hospital on May 8, 2026, after a short illness. Gary was born in Middlesex on July 24, 1954, a son of the late Harry Sr. and Phyllis (Marenna) Pender. He was a lifelong resident of Wallingford.

Gary is survived by his daughter, Jodie Mesite; his grandchildren, Damon Mesite, Cameron Mesite, and Madison Hauge and her husband, Jake Hauge, all of Wallingford; his two great-grandchildren, Kyle and Bryson Hauge; his brothers and sisters, Harry Pender, Thomas Pender, Tammy Olsen, and Wendy Liseo. He also leaves behind three stepchildren, many stepgrandchildren, and a large extended family of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his lifelong partner, Diana Nacca; his brothers, Phil Pender Sr. and Daniel Pender Sr. and his niece, Selena Pender.

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Michael Stoehr, 61 of Hamden died suddenly May 20th at Yale New Haven Hospital. He was the loving husband of Corinne Saner Stoehr. Born in Jamaica, NY son of Waltraud Malzen Stoehr, and the late Herman Stoehr. He was a devoted husband and a loving father to his daughters, who were the true center of his world. He also cherished a deep and tender bond with his mother and sister, whose love and presence were a constant source of joy in his life.

Services were held at the Peter H. Torello & Son FUNERAL HOME, INC.
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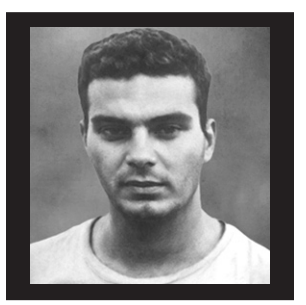

Richard Butcher, 79, beloved Son, Brother, Uncle, and Friend, was called to his eternal resting place on May 17, 2026. He entered this world on July 14, 1946 in New Haven, CT, born to Louis and Anne Butcher. He is survived by his sisters Donna, Bernadette, and Susan; brother Robert; nieces and nephews Paulie, Jeff, Bobby, Christian, Gabby, Ricky, Matt, Jon, and Veronica; friend Nick.

He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps and was in combat in the Vietnam War.

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