OBITUARIES



Uriel "Cookie" Yopp, 93, of North Haven, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at her home. She was the wife of 53 years to the late William H. Yopp. Born in Bermuda on January 16, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Valeria Wilson Talbot.

Cookie is survived by her daughters Bettina Harris and Unedra Muley; grandchildren Harold Harris (ShaVonne), Brittany Harris, Nichole Harris, and Ahmir Muley; great grandchildren Aniya Harris and Harold Harris, Jr.; stepdaughter Karen Yopp (Ernest); step-grandchild Jason Benton (Shaleeta); step-great-grandchildren Jason Benton, Jr., Allen Jason Benton, and Isabella Benton; sister Carolyn Brangman; and many more beloved family members and friends.

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



Viola M. DiGioia Murray, 95 of Wallingford, formerly of East Haven, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 28th, 2025, at the Regency House, Wallingford. She was the beloved wife of the late James A. Murray. Viola was born in New Haven on January 27th, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Francesco and Stella Logioco DiGioia. Mother of Beverlee Beckley and her husband Robert. Grandmother of James DiElsi, Michelle Cordova (Frank) and Michael DiElsi. Also survived by 7 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephew. She was predeceased by her siblings Emelia Lyons, Orlando, Jeannette, Adeline, Silvio, Robert and Edward DiGioia.

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Joseph Anthony Cadella, age 83, of North Haven passed away on July 8, 2025, surrounded by his family's love. For 58 years, he was the loving husband of Anita Bazata Cadella. Joseph was born in Bridgeport, CT, the son of the late Anthony and Rose D'Elia Cadella. Joe was a former member of the Civitan Club of North Haven and served briefly in the US Air Force.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by his daughters, Little Maryann (Edward Toland) Cadella of Florida, Donna Pettola of North Haven and Susan Collins of Clinton, his grandchildren, Crysta (Mitch Brown) Cadella, Justine LaMark, Angela LaMark, Emily Pettola, Kaitlyn Pettola, and John "JP" Collins, and his brothers Robert Cadella of Bethal and John (Elaine) Cadella of Seymour

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Robert P. Chenkus, 85, of Wallingford, died on Friday, July 4, 2025, at MidState Medical Center. He was the loving husband of Mary (Cwirka) Chenkus. Robert was born in Waterbury, June 6, 1940, a son of the late John and Catherine (Serafin) Chenkus and was a U.S. Army Veteran.

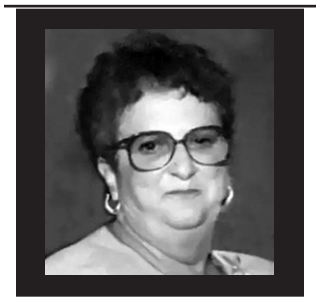
In addition to his wife Mary, he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Robert A. and Diane Chenkus; his grandchildren, Alysa Dussault and her husband Brian, and Bobby Chenkus and his wife Caylee; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, James A. Chenkus; his daughter, Deborah J. Chenkus; and his brothers, John, Stanley and Leonard Chenkus.

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Rita R. Wozniak, 89, of North Branford, formerly of Manor Drive, North Haven for many years, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 5th, 2025, at the Whispering Pines, East Haven. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph J. Wozniak. Rita was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts on March 23, 1936, and was the daughter of the late Stanislaw and Wladyslawa Sielawa Rolak. She had worked as a Teacher's Aide at Montowese Elementary School for over 30 years until her retirement. Mother of Deborah Little (Owen) and Stephen Wozniak (Anne). Predeceased by her siblings Charles Rolak, Rev. Patrick Rolak, Irene Grynkiewicz and Edna Bobrowiecki.

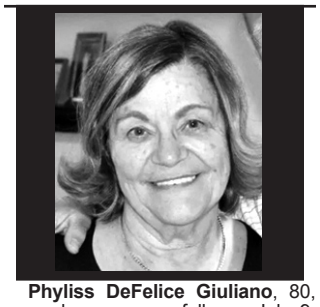
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June (Gerace) Dufresne, 93, of Naples, FL, formerly of Wallingford, CT, died June 20, 2025, due to injuries sustained from a motor vehicle accident. She was the loving wife of the late Leo F. Dufresne. June was born in Wallingford, CT, June 13, 1932, a daughter of the late Antonio and Mary (Inguaggiato) Gerace.

She is survived by her children, Wayne Dufresne and his wife Lori, Brian Dufresne, and Diane Stone; her five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Cheryl Lee and her husband Jeffrey Lee; her son-in-law, James Stone; her grandson, James Stone Jr.; and 11 siblings.

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Phyliss DeFelice Giuliano, 80, passed away peacefully on July 9, 2025, at Harbor Chase of Branford, surrounded by the love of her family. Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in September 1944, Phyliss was the eldest daughter of Joseph and Mary Capasso DeFelice and the beloved sister of Rosa. In 1969, Phyliss met the love of her life, Anthony Giuliano. After their marriage they settled in North Haven, where they raised their children, Tom, Sarah, and Joe. Phyliss and Tony shared a beautiful partnership, celebrating more than 50 years of marriage. She is survived by her husband Tony, her children Tom Giuliano, Sarah Mitchell (Scott), and Joe Giuliano (Kelly), and her six grandchildren.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to CT Hospice at www.hospice.com

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Aidan J. Russell, 19, of North Haven, tragically passed away on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025. He was born in Tavares, FL and moved to Connecticut in 2010 where he graduated from North Haven High School. Aidan couldn't wait to have a sibling and his wish finally came true in 2024 when his baby brother Tucker was born. Tucker was the first person Aidan looked for when he came home and we find peace in knowing that Aidan will be watching down on him to guide him through life as he cared for everyone he came in contact with. He is survived by his mother Brittney Russell, step-father Christopher Motyl, brother Tucker Motyl, grandparents William and Elizabeth Russell of Westbrook, CT, Paul and JoAnn Motyl of North Haven, CT and George and Alicia Barrett from Florida. He is also survived by his Uncles Keith, Bill and Mark, and his longtime girlfriend Sophie Goff who quickly became a part of our family. Aidan was a kind, caring person and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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

Rosary Walk for World Peace

North Haven: Please join the Legion of Mary every Tuesday at 6pm from June until Sept. 9th at All Saints Cemetery - North Haven.

Group meets by the main office located at 700 Middletown Avenue. Free Parking available. This event meets outside unless it is raining, then we meet in front of the Mausoleum. Please wear comfortable and safe attire. We have a limited supply of rosaries, please remember to bring yours. A Program with prayers will be provided for the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Questions? Please call Barbara at (203) 605-9845. Interested in joining our distribution list to receive updates and reminders? Please leave a message with your email address (please spell it and state clearly and slowly). Thank you.

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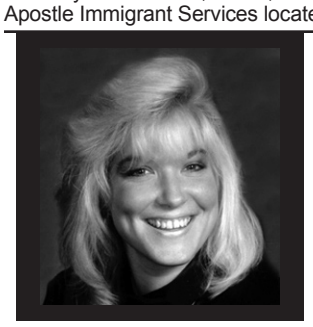
Columbiettes Of Saint Paul VI Parish Check Presentation To Apostle Immigrant Services In New Haven



Pictured (L-R): Members of The Columbiettes, Joanne Mc Loughlin, Angie Regalado, Sister Mary Ellen Burns ASCJ, Marie Fattore, Karen Naples and Carol Aloi.

Hamden: The Columbiettes of Saint Paul VI Parish, Hamden recently presented a check to Sister Mary Ellen Burns, ASCJ, Executive Director of Apostle Immigrant Services located in New Haven.

The Mission of AIS is: "Apostle Immigrant Services works with immigrants and their families in the greater New Haven area to achieve their goals, primarily through immigration legal services and food distribution. Founded by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and grounded in the teachings of Jesus, we offer our services to all without discrimination".



Jill Marie Anderson, age 58, passed away July 4, 2025 after a sudden illness. Born in New Haven on February 9, 1967, she was the daughter of Alice "Midge" (Russell) Atwood of Wallingford and the late Burton Atwood. Jill is survived by her devoted husband Russell J. Anderson; daughter Danielle C. Willette of Meriden; granddaughter Briella Willette; and her beloved dog Diamond. A longtime resident of Wallingford.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org.

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

New Creation Coffee House



Northford Community Church, 4 Old Post Rd., will present New Creation Coffee House, featuring *A Revival Sound* on Saturday, July 19, at 7pm.

"Praise the LORD's greatness with me. Let us highly honor His name together." Psalm 34:3

Spring Glen Garden Club's Upcoming 100th Anniversary



Hamden: As part of our 100th anniversary The Spring Glen Garden Club participated in Hamden Fest. In spite of the weather, we had a great day. The Club would like to thank all who stopped by our tables and gave us a chance to let the public know about our Club.

The Spring Glen Garden Club is celebrating a hundred years of beautifying the town of Hamden. Look for our celebratory activities:

Aug 6, Plant Science Day at Lockwood Farm of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. The Club will have a booth highlighting our community involvement and our pass role in the lovely Bird and Butterfly Garden. This promises to be a wonderful year for the Club, please join us in this historical milestone.

For anyone who is interested in joining our club, please call Dorothy at 203.934.5975 or 475.434.8017.

The Club has been a fixture in the Hamden community since 1925, a chartered member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., since 1929. Please stop by our historical display in hail outside the Miller Library in front of the Thorton Wilder Auditorium.

St. Ann's Food Pantry

Hamden: St. Ann's Food Pantry at 322 Circular Ave., is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month 9:30-10:30am.

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