OBITUARIES



Debra Claire Stevenson Pegram, 75, a lifelong resident of North Haven passed away peacefully on Monday, August 3, 2026, with her loving family by her side. Debra was born in New Haven on July 14, 1951, and was the daughter of the late Richard and Claire Sikorski Stevenson.

Debra is survived by her daughter, Tricia (Steve) Jordan; her daughter-in-law, Danielle Avino; her beloved grandchildren, Alexander and Ava Jordan, and Richard Daniel Avino; and her sister, Diane Schurk and niece Dr. Holly Schurk. She was predeceased by her beloved son, Richard Michael Avino. She is also survived by her former spouse and lifelong best friend, Robert Henry Avino, whose friendship remained a constant throughout her life. She shared an unbreakable, sisterly bond with her cousin and lifelong best friend, Julia Rondina. Debra also leaves behind many beloved cousins, with whom she treasured countless childhood memories and remained close throughout her life.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society by visiting www.donate.cancer.org

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

Thank you St. Joseph

J.C.P.

A PETITION TO ST. JOSEPH

Dear St. Joseph, head of the most perfect household, foster father of Jesus and guardian of Mary, I confidently place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. I ask that, through your powerful intercession with God, you may obtain for me all the help and grace that I need for my spiritual and temporal welfare and in particular, the special favor I now ask (here mention or think of your home sale or any other petition).

Good St. Joseph, I know with confidence, that your prayers on my behalf will be heard by God and that He will grant my request, if it be for His glory and my greater good.

Thank you St. Joseph, for having responded to my call.

AMEN.

#720 J.C.P.

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.

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

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish Mass Schedule

North Haven/North Branford: The newly formed St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish officially brings together the parish communities of St. Ambrose, North Branford and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, North Haven into one united Catholic community.

The parish now includes the worship locations of St. Augustine Church, 30 Caputo Rd, North Branford; St. Monica Church, 1321 Middletown Avenue, Northford; St. Barnabas, 44 Washington Avenue, North Haven and St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Avenue, North Haven.

All are warmly invited to join us for Mass and becoming part of our growing parish family. Weekend and daily Masses are offered throughout our parish community, providing many opportunities for worship, prayer, fellowship and service. Whether you are a long-time parishioner, returning to the Church or searching for a parish home, we welcome you to pray with us and experience the joy of our Catholic community!

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4pm: St. Barnabas; 4:30pm: St. Augustine

Sunday Mass - 8am: St. Barnabas; 9am: St. Monica; 10am: St. Therese; 11am: St. Augustine

Daily Mass - Mon.-Thurs., 8am: St. Barnabas; Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., 9am: St. Augustine

Sacrament of Reconciliation- A half hour before all morning daily Masses & Saturday Vigil, during Monday and Wednesday Adoration. 5-6pm, Mon.: St. Augustine; 5-6pm, Wed.: St. Barnabas.

Please reach out to the parish office with any questions, (203) 484-0403 or (203) 239-5378.

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish is pleased to announce we will be having our annual Festival to be held at St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Ave., North Haven. The dates for this event are August 20, 21, & 22. On Thursday, August 20 and Friday, August 21 the Festival runs from 5-10pm and Saturday, August 21 the Festival runs from 3-10pm. There will be carnival rides, food including fried dough pizza, hamburgs and hot dogs, steak and cheese, sausage and pepper, meatball and eggplant subs, french fries and chicken nuggets, cannoli and various desserts to eat and live entertainment every evening. We will have lovely basket raffles also to take a chance on. Come one come all for great family fun! For more information call 203-239-5378

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.

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.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday Service

North Haven: You are welcome at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3 Trumbull Place (at the top of the North Haven Green) for Sunday Service (Holy Communion) at 9am.

Visit our website: https://www.stjohns-northhaven.org/

Follow us on Facebook: St. John's Episcopal Church, North Haven, CT.



Root Beer Float Day





Pictured Above: A group of members with coordinator Mary Higgins after having enjoyed their root beer float. **Right:** Eva, and Kathy.

North Haven: On Thursday, August 6, at the North Haven Senior Center members and residents enjoyed a delicious root beer float drink made by activity coordinator Mary Higgins and Keith Baedor, transportation driver. Root Beer float was called "black cow", or "brown cow" in the great lakes region. In 1893, Frank J. Wisner of Cripple Creek, Colorado was looking out at a Cow Mountain through the windows of his drinking establishment, Cripple Creek Brewing Company. The snow cap on the dark mountain made him think of ice cream floating in root beer, so he made the drink and christened it "the black cow" after the mountain that inspired him. The drink was a hit with the kids in town , and the rest is history. Robert M. Green bought some ice cream for lunch at the 1876 Philadelphia World's Fair, took it back to the soda fountain where he was a clerk, and came up with the bright idea to put the ice cream in the soda. Mary Higgins looked up the history for us to know about root beer floats. We now know how the whole thing started dating back many years ago. We all had such fun and enjoyed each root beer floats with each other. It's so nice to be able to get out and enjoy our friends. Thank you Mary Higgins, and the staff at the senior center.

Story by Mary Higgins, and Jo Ann Buccetti, photos by Jo Ann Buccetti.

North Haven Garden Club Around the Town



North Haven: The Martha Culver House is an historic landmark located on Quinnipiac Ave. It was built as a private home and remained so until the family bequeathed it to the Town of North Haven. It was used by the town as a branch of the public library, and now it is maintained by the North Haven Historical Society as a museum. The gardens are maintained by North Haven Garden Club members Carmen Sealy and Sandy Ginter, with much appreciated assistance from the Town of North Haven Public Works department. Each spring Carmen and Sandy plant annuals and perennials, and through the summer and fall they weed, water, and tend the gardens and front-step containers. They take especially good care of the thriving butterfly bush transplanted from Carmen's garden, while the Town of North Haven Public Works department keeps the beds mulched and edged. In addition to the containers, there is a wishing well in one of the garden beds, which was donated by a local resident. The North Haven Garden Club is proud to help beautify the community through ongoing care of all the town gardens.

North Haven Garden Club is a member of The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, The New England Garden Club, Inc. and The National Garden Club, Inc. Find out more about North Haven Garden Club on their Facebook page.

Wanted: Permission to Metal Detect

Hi, we are Katrina and Bryan Bennica, we're respectful local metal detectorists looking for permission to detect private property, (yards, fields or homesteads). We enjoy metal detecting as a hobby and always take good care to respect the land. We metal detect for the love of history. Our goal is to uncover and learn about pieces of history that may be hidden beneath the surface "Because history isn't just in books -- it's still in the ground."

We dig neat plugs. Remove all the trash that we find and leave the property like we found it. We would be happy to share any interesting finds with you, and of course if there's something you would like to keep it would be yours. We also have extra metal detectors available, you're welcome to join us if you're interested--it can be fun and a fascinating way to explore the history of your land together.

We can provide a Metal Detecting Waiver and Release of Liability Form upon request.

If you're open to this, we'd be happy to discuss any conditions that you prefer, including dates, times or areas to avoid. Thank you for considering this request. We would treat your property with the utmost respect, carefully replace any soil or grass, and remove any trash found.

We truly appreciate your condideration and would be grateful for your permission.

"Join us as we uncover and share the history hiding under our feet and uncover the small pieces of history time forgot."

Sincerely, Katrina and Bryan Bennica

We can be reached at (475) 331-4233 (Katrina)

Are You Looking for a Rewarding Volunteer Tutor Job?

New Haven: If so, become a tutor at Springs Learning Center in New Haven. We are an educational Center supported and established by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. We provide a holistic literacy program for underserved adult learners with an emphasis on English as a Second Language.

The overall goal of the Center is to provide individual tutoring in basic literacy skills. The commitment is one hour a week and the learners are most grateful for the assistance. All training and materials are provided. If you can speak English, you can teach English!

To reach the Center, please call (203) 787-1025 or email annemarie.chuckrey@oppeace.org for further information. We encourage potential tutors to make an appointment and fill out an application.

National Federation of the Blind Seeking Vehicle Donations

Wondering what to do with your old car or truck? Donating your vehicle to the National Federation of the Blind is convenient and may qualify you for a tax deduction.

Call 1-855-659-9314 or visit www.carshelpingtheblind.org.

The National Federation of the Blind uses donated vehicles to distribute free white canes, help blind children access educational services, help blind veterans, and more.