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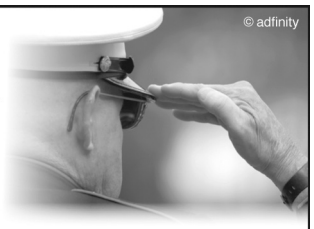

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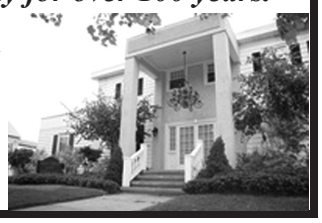

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OBITUARIES



Mrs. Raffaela Giordano, 92 years old formerly of Hamden and Cheshire passed away peacefully with her family by her side August 17th at Matulaitis Nursing Home of Putnam. Raffaela was predeceased by her beloved husband, Dominic Giordano, and her son, Anthony Giordano. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her daughter, Marie Giulietti, and her son-in-law, Robert Giulietti of Virginia. She was a cherished grandmother to Stefanie and her husband, Adam, and her great-grandchildren, Olivia and Parker; Amanda and her husband, Cameron, and her great-granddaughter, Autumn; Deanna and her fiancé, Chase; and Anthony Giordano. Raffaela is also survived by her sister, Immaculata "Micki" Bernardo and family and pre deceased by her sister Madeline Ruggiero, and her brother, Freddy D'Amato and their families.

In her later years, Raffaela lived with dementia and received loving care at Matulaitis Nursing Home. Her family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff for the exceptional care, kindness, and compassion they showed Raffaela over the years.

Should friends desire, Please consider donating to Matulaitis Rehabilitation & Skilled Care10 Thurber Road Putnam, CT 06260 USA.

Services were held at the

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Geraldine "Gerri" Tuck, 79, of Wallingford, loving wife of Arnold Tuck, passed away peacefully on August 15, 2026 at Masonicare. Gerri was born in Lambert Lake, Maine on June 1, 1947, a daughter of the late William and Reta (Dewitt) Varney.

In addition to her husband, Arnold, she is survived by her son, Arnie Tuck and his wife, Vickie, of Wallingford; daughter Kelly DiStassio and her husband, Alan, of Milford; her sister, Georgia Young; her grandchildren, Joshua Tuck and his fiancé, Kristen Erdos; Alyssa Sabean and her husband, Brad, and Jack and Ben DiStassio; her great grandchildren, Elijah, Henry and Jessa Sabean; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Fred and Maurice Varney and Delores Watson and Barbara Grass.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the nursing staff and caregivers who provided Gerri with compassionate care, comfort and kindness during her stay at Masonicare.

Should friends desire, memorial donations may be made to the Masonicare Charity Foundation of Connecticut in Gerri's memory.

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Yvonne "Joanna" Ambel Kasprzycki, 85, of North Haven, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, August 17th, 2026, with her loving family by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late Michael C. Kasprzycki. Joanna was born in Cleveland, Ohio on May 1st, 1941, and was the daughter of the late Eleftherios "Harry" and Anna Klimkowsky Ambel. Joanna is survived by her children, Michael D. Kasprzycki, Yvonne Kasprzycki, and Deborah Konopka, and her grandchildren, Emily and Gary Konopka, Jr. She is also survived by her brother, George B. Ambel, her sister-in-law, Shirley Funaro, as well as her niece and nephews, Gina (John) DeChello, Raymond Funaro, and Mark and Christopher Ambel.

The family would also like to thank in a special way her caregiver, Deb Snyder Napolitano, who made the past few weeks a true joy. Joanna loved to spend her time with Deb and watch The Golden Girls together.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Yale New Haven Hospital – Health at Home Hospice Care, https://www.ynhhs.org/health-at-home/about/giving/health-at-home-southeast

Services were held at the

NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
www.northhavenfuneral.com.



Michael J. Shook, 55, of Wallingford, passed away unexpectedly on August 12, 2026. A son of Allan and Margaret (McHugh) Sherwood, and the late Jerry Shook, he was born in New Haven on October 29, 1970.

In addition to his parents, Michael is survived by his 3 loving sons; Jared, Ryan, and Jacob Shook. He also leaves his aunt, Kathleen Elwell; nephew, Brent Shook; niece, Devynn Shook, and many extended family members and friends.

He is predeceased by his grandparents, Donald and Anna (Farquharson) McHugh; and Albert and Edith (Johnson) Sherwood; his father, Jerry Shook; and his brother, Keith Shook.

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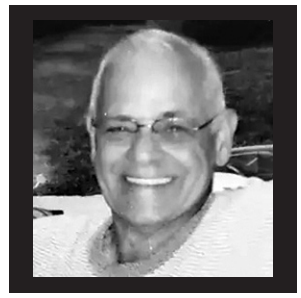
PRAYER INFORMATION

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.



Kenneth E. Barnes, 87, of Wallingford, loving husband of the late Mabel Rose (Gardner) Barnes, passed away on August 17, 2026, at MidState Medical Center. Ken was born in West Haven on December 2, 1938, a son of the late Merritt and Georgianna (Ludington) Barnes.

Ken is survived by his daughters, Deborah Oehrle and her husband, Robert, of Madison; Darlene Smith and her husband, Edward, of Meriden; his granddaughter, Olivia Yu Tian Oehrle; sisters, Patricia Robinson and Anna DeRose; brothers, Merritt Barnes, Jr. and Roger Barnes, as well as many loving nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Georgianna McCurry, and brothers, Ernest Barnes, Charles Barnes, and niece, Jamie Gardner.

Special thanks to The Franciscan Home for the wonderful care they took of Dad, especially his nurse, Shelby Scarpati, and his dear friend and housekeeper, Silvana Miranda. Thank you also to his many wonderful neighbors who were always there for him and treated him like family. Thanks to you all, we will be forever grateful.

Should friends desire, gifts in his memory can be made to the Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, 267 Finch Ave., Meriden, CT 06451.

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Edward A. Tannoia, 68, a lifelong resident of West Haven and most recently of Hamden, passed away peacefully on August 17, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Edward was the son of the late Edward and Rita Tannoia. Edward honorably served his country in the United States Army as a Private First Class. He was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, from 1975–1976, proudly serving his country with honor and dedication.

He is survived by his siblings, Debra Belisle, Lynn Tannoia, Laurie Morrell, and Steven (Maria) Tannoia; his nieces and nephews, Bruce, Andrew, Anthony, Stephen (Gianna), Alyssa (Kevin), Michael (Amber), Amanda, and Jenna; and his great-nieces and great-nephews, McKenzie, Theodore, Dylan, Olivia, and Leo. He was predeceased by his beloved brother-in-law, Steve Morrell.

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St. Ann's Food Pantry

Hamden: St. Ann's Food Pantry at 322 Circular Avenue (rear building), is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30am.

For more information, please call (203) 248-0141.

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COMMUNITY 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wallingford: It's hard to believe that 25 years ago, our nation suffered the worst attack ever on its shores. So heinous and so violent was that terrorist attack that many made to promise to "never forget." Well, to honor that spirit, **we will never forget**!

Once again, as we have every year since 2001, New Life Church will be hosting a community 9/11 Memorial Service on **Friday, September 11** at **7pm.** The service will include music, video, a live guest speaker, a time to remember those lost in the attacks, and a time to honor those who serve to protect us each day. We will also welcome back the South Meriden Volunteer Fire Department Honor Guard.

Our special guest speaker will be **Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Raleigh Washington** (retired) who served for 20 years in the United States Army and was awarded the Bronze Star for his meritorious service in Vietnam.

The service will last approximately 45 minutes and refreshments will be served following the event. The 9/11 Memorial Service will be held at New Life Church, 350 High Hill Road, Wallingford.

For more information, please email us at info@newlifechurchCT.com or call the church office at (203) 630-3012. We hope you will join us for this meaningful time of remembrance and honor.

Last Ice Cream Social of Summer 2026!

Northford: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford (1382 Middletown Ave. - in the Parish Hall), announces their last Ice Cream Social will be held on Tuesday, September 1, from 6-8pm.

Don't miss out! Make Your Own Sundae!! Lots of Ice Cream flavors and toppings! Still only $5 per dish. All are always 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/

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Please join us at Northford Congregational Church, 4 Old Post Road for Sunday Service at 10am.

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