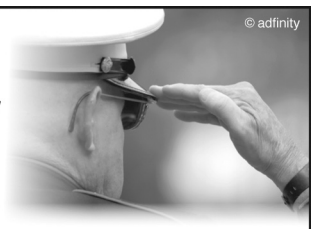


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Quote: "I silently laugh at my own cenotaph, and out of the caverns of rain, like a child from the womb, like a ghost from the tomb, I arise and unbuild it again." -Percy Shelley

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OBITUARIES



Bryan Kirk Doehr, of Palm Coast, Florida, passed away on Sunday, August 23, 2026, with his loving partner of 15 years, Victoria Letourneau, by his side. Victoria's unwavering love and devotion were constant throughout their years together, and she cared for Bryan with tremendous love and compassion until the very end.

Bryan, 66, was born on October 16, 1959 to the late Mary Jayne (Clark) Doehr and Walter Carl Doehr and grew up in Wallingford, Connecticut. He was a proud graduate of Sheehan High School, Class of 1977.

Bryan was predeceased by his beloved parents, Mary Jayne (Clark) Doehr and Walter Carl Doehr; his brother, Richard "Ricky" Doehr; and his sister, Lise Salch.

He leaves behind his beloved partner of 15 years, Victoria Letourneau; his daughter Marybeth Abis and her husband, Said; his son Bryan J. Doehr and his wife, Tanya; and his daughter Randi Doehr. He also leaves behind his grandchildren Zachariah, Aiden, Farhannah, Gia, Safiyah, and Finn.

He is also survived by his siblings, Walter Doehr and his wife Harriet; Lucinda Murphy and her husband Jeffrey; Kimberly Urban and her husband Richard, and many beloved nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Should friends desire, please donate or even share the GoFundMe to help with his burial, we would be so grateful. Thank you. https://gofund.me/e04811597.

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Alan Lofton Kendrix, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and visionary entrepreneur, passed away peacefully at his home in North Haven, Connecticut, on October 12, 2026, at the age of 80, with his beloved wife by his side. His parents, Moss H. Kendrix, Sr. and Dorothy Johnson Kendrix were so grateful to the doctor who came to their home to assist in his birth due to a baby epidemic in hospitals that they named him after Dr. Lofton.

Alan is survived by Marilyn, his wife of 56 years, his three children and their spouses, Piper and Geoff Williams, Courtney and Tommy Mason, and Jason and Savannah Kendrix; his six grandchildren: Jayson Kendrix, Grant, Marlo and Cole Williams, Olivia and Isaiah Mason; his step-granddaughter, Egypt Hernandez; his great-granddaughter, Novalynn Kendrix and his brother Moss Kendrix, Jr. He was loved by all and will be sorely missed.

Should friends desire, donations can be made in his honor to his alma mater, Morehouse College at: <https://giving.morehouse.edu/s/give-now>.

A Memorial Service celebrating his life will be held at Spring Glen Church UCC, 1825 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT on Sunday, October 25 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be private.

To view the Memorial Service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@worshipsgc5292/streams>, on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SpringGlenChurch>

Services were held at the BEECHER & BENNETT
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Nam Van Tran, 75, passed away on October 6, 2026, at Yale New Haven Hospital, surrounded by his loved ones. Born on March 16, 1951, in Vietnam, Nam was the youngest child of the late Vinh and Ry Tran. He came to the United States in 1975 and began his new life.

Nam is survived by Mai Thi Tran, his wife of 45 years; his four sons, Peter (Jessica Tran), Paul (Phally Eth Tran), Philip, and Christopher (Jessica Sherwood); his two beloved grandchildren, Lucas and Liam; his brothers, Hung (Yên) and Hiep (Hue Dinh); his sister, Mai Dolch, and her partner, David Ganapoler; and many relatives and friends.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Nam Van Tran to Filling in the Blanks, a Connecticut nonprofit dedicated to providing nutritious meals to children facing food insecurity. Donations may be made at: www.fillingintheblanks.org

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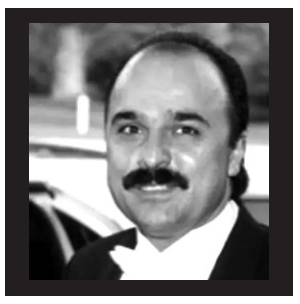


Donna Jean Choti, 75, of Northford, loving daughter, wife, mother and grandmother, passed away surrounded by her family following a short illness on October 10, 2026. Born in Northford, Connecticut, Donna was married for over 50 years to William M. Choti, raising their daughters, Elizabeth Choti-Bayreuther and Jennifer-Choti Canell in Wallingford, before returning to live in Northford.

Donna was a loving and caring mother to her daughters, and to her sons-in-law, Nathan Bayreuther and Brian Canell. She was a devoted daughter to her mother, Jean Foresto, and a loving Grandma to her three beloved grandchildren, Harrison, Grace and Charlotte. She was predeceased by her father, Robert Foresto, and her brother, Barry Foresto.

Should friends desire, donations in her name may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the Southwest Indian Foundation's Stove Assistance Program.

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Houshang Rastkhane, 66, of North Haven, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at Yale-New Haven Hospital/St Raphael Campus. He was the beloved husband of 29 years to Karen Noccioletti Rastkhane. Born in Tabriz, Iran on September 22, 1960, he was the son of the late Hossein Rastkhane and Seyedeh Zahra Fakhr-Mousavi.

Houshang was a loving husband and father who cherished his children, Sydney and Elliot Rastkhane, more than anything in the world.

He is survived by his siblings, Farhang and Mitra Rastkhane. The bond he shared with them was irreplaceable. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Debra Noccioletti Diana, and his nieces and nephews, Anthony and Giovanna Diana, Sahar Rastkhane, and Omid and Maryam Youssefi, all of whom held a special place in his heart.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org) or Animal Haven, Inc., 89 Mill Rd, North Haven, CT 06473.

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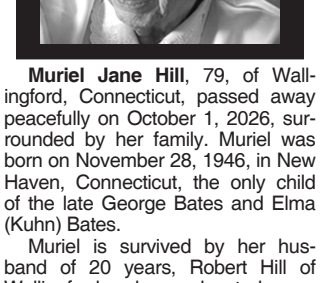


Raymond J. Peach, 89, a resident of North Haven since 1960, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at home with his loving family by his side. Ray was born in New Haven on January 3, 1937, and was the son of the late Raymond L. Peach and Gladys V. Dumond Peach.

He was the beloved husband of 68 years to Gloria Gentile Peach. Loving father of Linda Colella (Richard), Raymond S. Peach (Gina), Brenda Joslyn, and Nancy Marks (Scott). Proud and devoted grandfather of Janina Nelson (Steven), Stephanie Colella, Richard Colella (Astrid), Raymond Peach, Christopher Peach (Taylor), Nina Peach, Lindsay Peach, Michael Kiwanis (Cristina), Kate Lyn Scappini (JR), Robert Kiwanis (Taylor), Melissa Milewski (Matt), Alexa Marks Dick (Hunter), and Scott Marks (Molly). Also survived by eleven great-grandchildren. He was brother to Thomas Peach and his late wife Paula and was sister to the late Gladys Ferraro and her late husband Alphonse. He was predeceased by his sister-in-law Josephine DelMauro (Gene) and brother-in-law Anthony Gentile. He was the proud uncle of many nephews and nieces.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Avenue Meriden, CT 06451 or Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street New Haven, CT 06511.

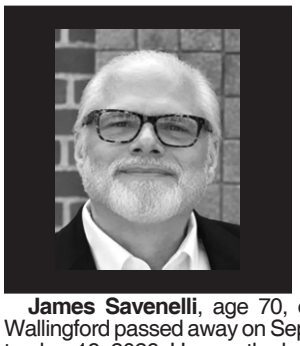
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Muriel Jane Hill, 79, of Wallingford, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on October 1, 2026, surrounded by her family. Muriel was born on November 28, 1946, in New Haven, Connecticut, the only child of the late George Bates and Elma (Kuhn) Bates.

Muriel is survived by her husband of 20 years, Robert Hill of Wallingford, whose devoted care and companionship were especially meaningful throughout her years of declining health. She is also survived by her son, Andre Normandin of New Mexico; her daughter, Michelle Hair and her husband, Norman, of Wallingford; her grandchildren, Ryan Hair and his wife, Madeline Sadlowski, of Cheshire, and Allison Hair and her fiancé, Zachery Lucente, of Southington; and her great-grandchildren, Henry and Josephine Hair and Kensington Lucente. She was predeceased by her parents, George Bates and Elma (Kuhn) Bates.

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James Savenelli, age 70, of Wallingford passed away on September 19, 2026. He was the loving husband of the late Kathleen Perry Savenelli. Jim was born in New Haven, the son of the late Frederick Sr. and Carmella Cris-



Michael K. Kobuta, 29, of North Haven, passed away suddenly on Saturday, October 10th, 2026, at his home. He was the beloved son of Michael T. Kobuta and Kathleen Thompson Carlson. Michael was born in New Haven on August 11th, 1997, grew up in both North Haven and East Haven, and was a 2016 graduate of East Haven High School.

In addition to his parents, Michael is survived by his sister, Samantha (Robert) Krawiec, his niece and nephew, Victoria and Robert Krawiec, and his stepfather, Brett Carlson. He is also survived by his maternal grandfather, William Thompson, his paternal grandmother, Geraldine "Geri" Kobuta, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his maternal grandmother, Shirley Thompson, and paternal grandfather, Konstantyn Kobuta.

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Jim is survived by his niece Corrine Asbel and her husband Stuart of Cheshire, his nephew Michael Savenelli of New Haven, his sister-in-law Angela Savenelli of Cheshire, his four-legged child, Callie, and many other family, friends and neighbors. In addition to his wife and parents, he is also predeceased by his brother Frederick Savenelli Jr. and his beloved dogs Abigail, Murphy, and Cherokee.

Should friends desire, donations may be made in his name to St Jude Children's Hospital.

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