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Wallingford Senior Center
(203) 265-7753

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Mon., 12/8: 9:30am: Clay Class Introduction to Glazing; **12:30pm:** JukeBox Bingo.

Tues., 12/9: 9:30am: Clay Class Technique Development; **10am:** Meal Prep Part II; **1pm:** The Warm and Fuzzy Hour.

Wed., 12/10: 11:30am: *Drive on Your Own - Kenny and Dolly Christmas;* **11:30am:** Veteran's Coffee House Holiday Party.

Thurs., 12/11: 10am: Curiosity Club - Christmas Cookies; **11am:** Christmas Cardio Drumming.

Fri., 12/12: 9:30am: Morning Hike - Orchard Glen Trail; **12:30pm:** Movie: *Scrooged.*

Mon., 12/15: 9:30am: Clay Class Introduction to Glazing; **10am:** iPad User Group; **1pm:** NEW! Hanukkah Party.

Tues., 12/16: 9:30am: Clay Class Technique Development; **12pm:** BINGO Holiday Party.

Wed., 12/17: 10am: IDEA FACTORY - Christmas Sweater Workshop; **10:30am:** Q & A Wallingford PD; **11am:** Cello Musician Ryan Mitten.

Thurs., 12/18: 1:30pm: Book Club; **5pm:** Lake View Dinner; **6pm:** Nashville Christmas.

Fri., 12/19: 9am: WCOA Meeting; **11am:** Silk N Sounds Concert; **12:30pm:** Movie: *Christmas in Connecticut.*

Mon., 12/22: 9:30am: Clay Class Introduction to Glazing; **10:30am:** Wills, Trusts, Probate; **1pm:** Karaoke w/Barbara & Pat; **1pm-3:30pm:** Hearing Services.

Tues., 12/23: 9:30am: Clay Class Technique Development.

Wed., 12/24: 10am: Violin Quartet - Chika Wee Family. *Center Closes at 1pm. Lake View Café Breakfast Only.*

Thurs., 12/25: *Christmas Day. Center Closed.*

Fri., 12/26: 10am: iPhone Workshop. *Lake View Café Breakfast Only.*

Mon., 12/29: *Lake View Café Breakfast Only.*

Tues., 12/30: 10am-12 noon: Year's Eve Party. *Lake View Café Breakfast Only.*

Wed., 12/31: *Center Closes at 1pm. Lake View Café Breakfast Only.*

Thurs., 1/1: *Center Closed.*

Joyce C. Budrow Senior Center
189 Pool Rd., North Haven
Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm
Phone: (203) 239-5432

The following programs are held at the Joyce C. Budrow Senior. For information and to register for programs, call (203) 239-5432 or stop by the office. View the newsletter online at www.town.northhaven.ct.us.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 8-12

Mon., 12/8: 9:30am: Fitness Fun; **10am:** Canasta, Seated Qigong and Tai Chi; **10:15am:** Chess; **11am:** Move to Music; **11:15am:** Qigong and Tai Chi; **1pm:** Bingo.

Tues., 12/9: 9:30am: Functional Fitness; **10am:** Rumikub; **10:30am:** Setback; **12 noon:** Oil Painting Class; **1pm:** Mahjongg. *Mini Trip - Universal Drive.*

Wed., 12/10: 9:30am: Fitness Fun; **10:30am:** *Cupcake Decorating;* **11am:** Diamond Art; **12:30pm:** Bridge; **1pm:** Bingo.

Thurs., 12/11: 10am: Knitting/Crochet; **10:30am:** *Ask the Nurse;* **1pm:** *Christmas Tree Decorating,* Balance Through Strength, Dominos, Mahjongg.

Fri., 12/12: 9:30am: Fitness Fun, Scrabble; **10am:** Canasta; **10:30am:** *Gingerbread Cookie Decorating;* **12:30pm:** Bridge; **1pm:** Bingo.

Programs/Activities

Holiday Fun at the Senior Center: Get into the spirit of the season with us! Join in on one or all of the fun activities we have on tap to celebrate this most wonderful time of the year: ***Few spots remaining for these activities, so don't hesitate!***

Make and Take Sock Snowman: Tues., Dec. 16 at **10:30am.** Bring in some winter cheer with your personalized snowman! These cute decorations are sure to bring a smile to your face on a cold winter day. Residents may register on the program board or call (203) 239-5432. Non-Residents please stop by the office to register, fee for Non-Residents is $5. ***Registration ends 12/12.***

Ask the Nurse: Thurs., Dec. 11 at **10:30am.** Did you know that your Center provides a Health Counseling Clinic the 2nd Thursday of each month? The clinic can provide you with help setting overall health goals, check your blood pressure, assist with creating a Medication list, and teach you how to prepare for your next medical appointment. No appointment necessary. Free to any North Haven Resident and funded by the Town of North Haven.

Matter of Balance: Tuesdays beginning Jan. 13 - March 3 from **1:15-3:15pm.** Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. This program is open to anyone over the age of 60 years old who is ambulatory and can problem-solve. This is a FREE program presented by the Quinnipiack Valley Health District. Refreshments and light snacks provided at every class. Space is LIMITED. Call (203) 239-5432 or stop by the office to ***register by 1/2/26.***

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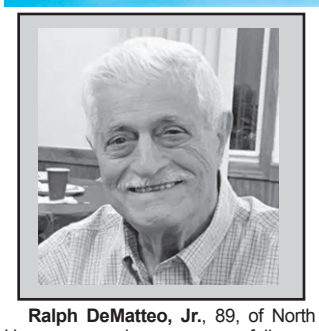
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OBITUARIES



Ralph DeMatteo, Jr., 89, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 27th, 2025 at his home with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of the late Joan Earley DeMatteo. Ralph was born in New Haven on January 15th, 1936 and was the son of the late Raffale and Bella Russo DeMatteo. Father of Ralph DeMatteo III (Anna), Michele Morton (Robert), Kevin DeMatteo (Yvonne) and Renee DeMatteo (John Greenman). Grandfather of Jennifer DeMatteo, Shana DeMatteo and Isabelle Heltke (David). Great Grandfather of Mikayla DeMatteo, Kenneth Weyel, Aiden Mercado and AJ Mercado. Predeceased by his brothers, Louis, William, Pasquale and Steven DeMatteo, sisters Evelyn DeMatteo, Carmel Papa, Katie Passariello, Marie Carrano, Phyllis Whitley.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to The Animal Haven, Inc., 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home

www.northhavenfuneral.com.



Linda Jean Cinquino, 74, of Wallingford CT, passed away suddenly at home on November 9, 2025. For 56 years, she was the loving wife of Carl Cinquino. Linda was born in New Haven CT, the daughter of the late Joseph Salvatore and Mary Anna Couch Gondolfo.

In addition to her husband, Linda is survived by her children, Kimberly, Thomas (and his wife Jocelyn) and Kathryn, her sisters Joanne Chiaraluce, Patricia Gloede and Laurie (Inserra) Clements, her grandchildren Remy, Tomasina and Koral and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son Carl Jr. and brother Joseph Charles Gondolfo.

Should friends desire, the family requests donations to be made to St. Jude on her behalf.

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Christopher Coppola, Jr., 89, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at the Connecticut Hospice, Branford. He was the beloved husband for over 63 years to Theresa Papa Coppola. Chris was born in New Haven on October 12th, 1936 and was the son of the late Christopher Coppola, Sr. and Mary Biondi Coppola. He served his country faithfully in the US Navy. Father of Christopher Coppola III (Sandra), Nicholas Coppola (Gil) and Michael Coppola (Justin). Grandfather of Mateo and Alejandro. Brother of Albert Coppola (Marilyn), Joseph Coppola (Barbara) and the late Jack Coppola, Maria Marullo and Lois DePino.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the CT Hospice, Inc. (www.hospice.com) or the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org.ct)

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home

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North Haven Garden Club Decorates Hospice In Branford For The Holiday Season



Pictured Top: Fran Notaro, Marge Quinn, Laurie Falco, Sandy Ginter, Maria Yankura, Wini Colleran. **Bottom:** Wini Colleran and Laurie Falco with the cart of flowers donated by Sharon's Floral Boutique, and the largest of the 3 trees.

North Haven: Several members of the North Haven Garden Club Healing,Therapy, and Senior Gardening committee met at hospice in Branford on December 1st to decorate the facility for the holiday season, and the ladies had their work cut out for them. Upon arrival and discovering none of the trees were set up, the ladies put up all the trees except for one!

Club members Laurie Falco and Wini Colleran did the floral arrangements with donated flowers from Sharon's Floral Boutique in North Haven, and they had plenty of flowers! Sharon donated 2 buckets with hydrangeas, roses and many more along with other donations, so there were plenty of flowers! Laurie and Wini did an excellent job of making arrangements and delivering them to the patients!

Club members Fran Notaro, Marge Quinn, Maria Yankura, and Sandy Ginter set to work putting up and decorating 3 Christmas trees, decorating 2 mantels and other areas in the facility. We met Kim who is a Hospice volunteer who gave us a hand and helped us out as well. After all their hard work the ladies finally sat down to a nice lunch of sandwiches and goodies and a needed respite! It was a good and busy day!

We would again like to give kudos to Sharon's Floral Boutique for her donation of flowers which were magnificent! Without her donations, all the smile on patients faces along with their family members would not have been possible.

Don't forget to check out The North Haven Garden Club on Facebook for lots of useful and entertaining information and pictures of all our club does in our great town of North Haven! For membership information please email Italia at italia_a@comcast.net.

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