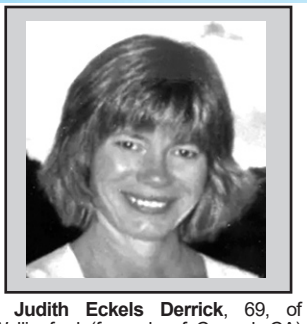


OBITUARIES



Judith Eckels Derrick, 69, of Wallingford (formerly of Carmel, CA) passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at LiveWell of Southington on Wednesday, November 26, 2025. She was the daughter of Doris (MacKenzie) Eckels and the late Roger Eckels of Wallingford and the beloved wife of Kenneth Derrick originally from West Hartford, CT. Judy was raised in Wallingford, CT.

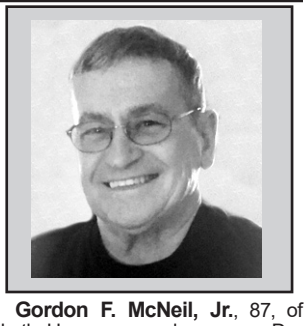
Judy is survived her mother, Doris Eckels of Wallingford CT; her brother and sister in law, Stephen and Mary Ellen Eckels of Wallingford CT; her sister, Karen Eckels Moore of Durham CT; her nieces, Alecia and Branden Bohan and Erika and Robert Brady; her nephews, Christopher and Jonathan Eckels; her goddaughters, Amanda Daly of Berkeley, CA and Mackenzie Daly of San Diego, CA; and seven grandnieces and grandnephews.

Judy was preceded in death by her father, Roger Eckels; her husband of 24 years, Kenneth Derrick of Carmel CA, her dear friend, Dr. Jim Pretzer of Carmel, CA; and her beloved brother-in-law Walter Moore of Durham CT.

The family would like to express sincere gratitude to all of Judy's caregivers at LiveWell and Bristol Hospice the last few weeks and months, along with her private caregivers that, through the years, had kept her home to include Kathy, Ann, Dolly and Rose. You were all angels in her life.

Should friends desire, gifts in Judy's memory may be made to Memory Care at Wallingford Senior Center, 238 Washington Street Wallingford, CT 06492 or Carmel Cares Mission, 225 Crossroads Blvd, Suite 285, Carmel, CA 93923.

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Gordon F. McNeil, Jr., 87, of North Haven, passed away on December 3, 2025. Born in Bangor, Maine June 14, 1938 He was a member of the Second Co. Governor's Horse Guard of Newtown for over 30 years, retiring with the rank of Major.

He leaves behind his beloved daughter, Doreen C. McNeil; his former wife, Bernice McNeil; sisters-in-law, Laurie McNeil and Jackie Carlson; and several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his father, Gordon F. McNeil, Sr.; mother, Madeline Cunningham McNeil; brother, John W. McNeil; and sisters, Judy Briggs and Nancy McNeil.

Should friends desire, contributions in Gordon's memory may be made to Where the Love Is Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 185093, Hamden, CT 06518, www.wheretheloveis.org, or to All the King's Horses Equine Rescue, 630 Forest Rd., Northford, CT 06472, www.allthekingshorsesequinerescue.com.

Services were held at the BEECHER BENNETT

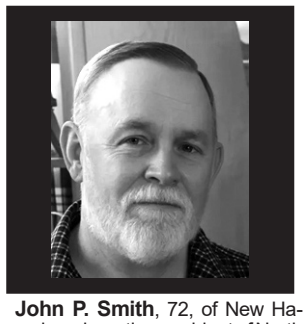
www.beecherandbennett.com.



Rita Lois Bogaert, 88, of North Haven, CT left her earthly home and moved to her brand new home in Heaven, on Wednesday, November 26, 2025. She was the beloved wife of the late John T. Bogaert. Rita was born in St. Mary Hospital, Waterbury, CT on August 18, 1937, a daughter of the late Albert and Eunice (Donovan) Millette and had resided in North Haven for much of her life.

Rita is survived by her two daughters; Nancy B. (Robert) Kiskaddon of North Carolina and Donna . (Jamie) LeBlanc of Florida. She was predeceased by her youngest daughter, Greta A. Bogaert and her oldes grandson Michael J. Bylo. She was also blessed to leave grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the WASHINGTON MEMORIAL Funeral Home North Haven.



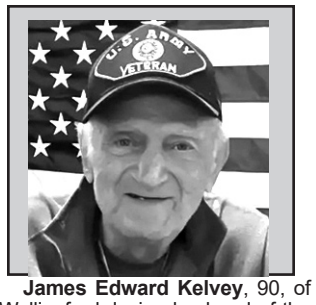
John P. Smith, 72, of New Haven, also a long-time resident of North Haven, passed away on Friday, November 28th, 2025, at Yale New Haven Hospital. John was born in New Haven on December 13th, 1952, and was the son of the late James Smith and Catherine Delaney Smith. John is survived by his siblings, Thomas (Patricia) Smith, Margaret "Peggy" (Maksym) Dmytruk Jr., and James Smith, his nephews, Christopher Dmytruk and Maksym Dmytruk III (fiancé, Heather Walsh), Jeffrey (Christine) Smith, and niece, Sandra (Benjamin) Smith-Blake, as well as many great nieces and nephews. Besides his many close friends.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in John's name to the American Legion Post 76, 20 Church Street, North Haven, CT 06473, and/or to Blue Line Jars, www.bluelinejars.com.

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME

www.northhavenfuneral.com.





James Edward Kelvey, 90, of Wallingford, loving husband of the late MaryJane (McCauley) Kelvey, passed away December 3, 2025 at Midstate Medical Center. He was born in New Haven on August 26, 1935, a son of the late George and Florence (Hanks) Kelvey. He was a proud Veteran of the U.S. Army.

Jim, is survived by his daughters, Kim Sevarino and her husband, Kevin, Pamela Johnson and her husband, Clayton, and Michele Albert and her husband, Brian; his grandchildren, James Burghoff (Mikayla), Christopher Burghoff, Craig Johnson (Lauren), Spencer Johnson, Kaleigh Albert, Zachary Albert, Michael Sevarino (Marlyse), Nicholas Sevarino and Laura Vogt (Phil); great grandchildren Michaela, Lucas, Hailey, Justin and Eva, his sister Yvonne Brede and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Brian Kelvey.

Should friends desire, gifts in his memory may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org).

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