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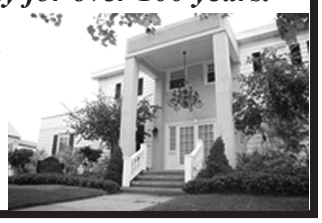

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Ann Marie Casciano, 86, of Wallingford, CT passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on December 27, 2024. Ann Marie was born on July 20, 1938, in Scranton, PA to Lawrence and Sarah (McHale) Mitchell. On November 8, 1958, Ann Marie married the love of her life, her late husband Anthony. In 1960, they moved to Wallingford where they raised their four beautiful children.

Besides her husband, Ann Marie was predeceased by her cherished daughter Patricia Maloney, daughter-in-law Donna Casciano, her siblings James Mitchell, Patricia Coggins, Sarah Jean McCormack, and sister-in-law Sister Bernadette Casciano. Ann Marie is survived by her sister Catherine Kman and sister-in-law Ann Marie Brady; her 3 sons and their spouses, Anthony (Cynthia), Daniel (Eleanor), Scott (Christine), and a son-in-law Martin Maloney; 8 adored grandchildren and their spouses, Anthony (Max), Gina (fiancé Tyler), Kelly, Derek (Andrea), Meagan (Ryan), Daniel (Jordan), Dylan, and Mitchell; 3 step grandchildren and their spouses, Michael (Joey), Jessica (James), and Daniel (Danielle); 5 precious great grandsons, Declan, Cayce, Roland, Luca, and Hunter and 5 step great grandchildren Sophie, Liam, Dennis, Michael, and Daisy.

The family would like to thank the nurses, doctors and staff of Midstate Medical Center for all their compassion and professionalism.

Should friends desire, donations can be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Our Lady of Fatima Church, Yalesville, CT.

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Nicole Monica Sumba Preston, 89, of Hamden passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, December 28th, 2024, at Connecticut Hospice Inc., Branford with her daughter by her side. She was born in Bucharest, Romania on December 5th, 1935, to parents Atanase (Macedonian) and Hortense Sumba nee Iliescu (German) before the Communist regime installed itself and the persecution of middle class families such as Nicole's had begun.

Nicole is survived by her daughter Sarah, currently living in Bucharest, Romania, and leaves behind several very dear and beloved people who she considered far more family than friends: Douglas Klahr, Christine Voigt, Veronica Cantemir, Heidi Buchan, Marco Minocci, and Codruta Todeasa.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the CT Hospice Inc., 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405 or to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation at www.npcf.us/ways-to-donate.

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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Anthony Dominic Curcio, 93, of Wallingford, husband of the late Anne (Morrisey) Curcio, passed away December 25, 2024 at Regency House. Tony was born in Union City, New Jersey on March 26, 1931, a son of the late Tony and Blanche (Lavin) Curcio. Tony was in the United States Air Force serving during the Korean War from 1950 until 1954. He married Anne Morrisey from Dublin, Ireland, whom he met at a dance on base and fell in love and six months later were married and moved stateside.

Tony is survived by his daughters, Marie Wild, Donna Condon and her husband, Richard, Aileen Stevens and her husband, Scott, and Deirdre McNeil ands her husband, Bill; her sons, Kevin Curcio and his wife, Tambra, and Michael Curcio and his wife, Linda; his brother, Ronald, Curcio and his wife, Harriet; eleven grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Larry and Dominic and his sister, Rose Lumbra.

His family would also like to recognize his friendship with his neighbors, Kenny, Andy and Hughie.

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Robert J. Reilly, 90, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 25th, 2024, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, West Haven. He was the beloved husband of 64 years to Josephine Perillo Reilly. Robert was born in Brooklyn, New York on April 10th, 1934, and was the son of the late James T. Reilly II and Violet Ellis Reilly. He served his country faithfully in the US Army during the Korean war. Father of Kathleen Reilly (Michael Ricci), Robin (Kevin) Dextradeur, Shawn (Tami) Reilly, Michelle Reilly, and Terrence Reilly. Grandfather of Robert, Dominic (Caroline), Ellis (Brittany), Thomas, Savanna Reilly (Jake O'Brien), Alexandra and Nicole. Great Grandfather of Oliver James. Predeceased by his brothers Richard, James, Raymond, Howard Reilly, and a sister Dr. Brenda Reilly.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Family Business, a non-profit charity. familybusinessinc.org/therobertreillyfund

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PRAYER INFORMATION

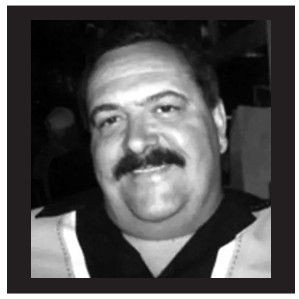
All prayers cost $12 per prayer, per week. The deadline is Wednesday for the following Tuesday's Issue. Please mail to The Advisor, P.O Box 460, North Haven, CT 06473-0460 or bring in to our office, 83 State Street (Kings Acres), North Haven, with payment, correct initials and code number found in lower left corner of prayer.



Gloria Mastrangelo LaTorraca, 94 of Hamden, CT died peacefully on Thursday, December 26, 2024. She was the beloved wife of the late Alphonse J. LaTorraca. Gloria was born in New Haven, CT October 1, 1930, daughter of the late Gerardo and Filomena Tozzo Mastrangelo and had lived 69 years in Hamden.

Gloria is survived by her children Katherine LaTorraca of Sedona, AZ; Daniel LaTorraca of East Haven; Michael LaTorraca (Mikah Lee) of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Christopher LaTorraca (Shala) of Bartlesville, OK; and her grandchildren Hannah, Elijah, Saraia and Anthony LaTorraca. She was predeceased by her sisters Eleanor Mastrangelo, Mary Ciaburri, Laura DeFelice and Rose Anastasio.

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



Angelo "Rocky" Mastroianni, 65, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Friday, December 27th, 2024, at his home with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of 13 years to Deborah Kuczirka Mastroianni. Rocky was born in New Haven on November 30, 1959, and was the son of the late John B. Mastroianni, Jr. and Anna Lucy D'Amico Mastroianni. Father of Natalie Mastroianni, Gianna Mastroianni and Angelo S. Mastroianni, Jr and his faithful dog, Angel. Brother of John B. Mastroianni III, Donato Mastroianni and the late Nancy Hennessey. Brother-in-law of Elaine Mastroianni and Daniel Hennessey. Also survived by nieces and nephews.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinsons Disease Association www.apdaparkinson.org

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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Thomas Edward George, 67, of Hamden, passed away at his home on December 25, 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Christine Teague George. Tom was born in Lakewood, OH on January 20, 1957 to the late Edward T. and Madelyn Shia George.

Besides his wife, Tom will be lovingly remembered by his children, Anthony (Caleigh) Teague, Noah George, Lilah George, and Henry George; siblings, Stephen, Gary (Sue), Christopher (Marci Brennan) George; beloved by his family, Lawrence Teague (Barbara), Carlos Belo (Kelly), Patrick Teague (Melissa) and Terrence Teague (Jessica) and many nieces and nephews.

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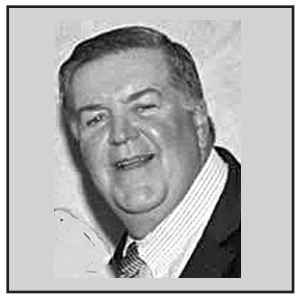

Edward James Heenan, 66, of North Haven, CT died suddenly at his home on Thursday, December 26, 2024. He was the beloved husband of forty four years to Carol (Petrazzulo) Heenan. Ed was born in New Haven, CT on December 8, 1958, a son of the late Dunnith R. and Evelyn (Brown) Heenan, and had resided in North Haven for the past thirty two years.

In addition to his beloved wife Carol, Ed is survived by his daughter Kara (Sandro) Oliveira of North Haven, two sons, Edward James Heenan, Jr. of North Haven and James Edward (Meagan) Heenan of Trumbull, one sister, Jean Munzner of Moodus, one brother, Dunnith (Sharon) Heenan, Jr. of Madison, and his five adoring grandchildren, Ryan, Wesley and Grady Oliveira and Finley and Declan Heenan.

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



Xiuying Zheng, 89, departed this life on December 24, 2024 at the Midstate Hospital of Meriden, Connecticut. Xiuying was born in City of Zhoushan, Zhejiang Province of China on January 6, 1935 to the late Yehong Zheng and Xuejia (Weng) Zheng. She was the beloved wife of Xiaobao Zhang. She was an exemplary wife and devoted mother during the 70 years marriage with Xiaobao Zhang. They had moved to Shanghai, China after the marriage and gave birth and raised their children there. She had immigrated to the US following her children and families and lived in Wallingford, Connecticut since 2015. Xiuying is survived by her spouse, Xiaobao Zhang; four children: Jianguo Zhang, Xiaping Zhang, Shari Xiafei Chang and Jianye Zhang; five grandchildren: Kelly Yirong Zhang, Tingyang Xu, Irene Jia, Ricky Jia and Eva Yi Zhang, as well as six great grandchildren: Daisy, Hector, Ryan, Patrick, Felix and Xiyue currently.

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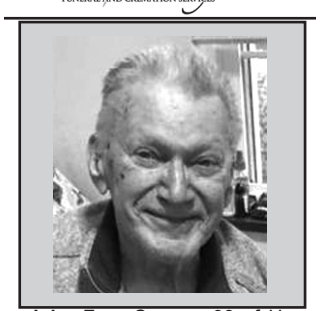

John Fray Craven, 93 of Hamden died peacefully at home December 31, 2024. He was the loving husband of 73 years to Elvira DiMeo Craven. Born in West Haven, son of the late James & Annetta Fray Craven. He was a proud Navy veteran of the Korean war. In addition to his wife, he is survived by sons John (Donna) Craven of Florida, and David (Sherry) Craven of Georgia, daughters Patricia (Tony) Giampapa of Portland, and Carol (Joseph) Bartozzi of Woodbridge, 9 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. He was predeceased by brothers Robert, Richard, & Croft Craven.

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