OBITUARIES



Kevin "Dusty" Keating passed away peacefully at Yale New Haven Hospital on December 14th 2024 at the age of 74. He was born on October 29th, 1950 in Hamden, Connecticut son of the late James & Ruth McKay Keating. Dusty married "Chief" Michelle in 1973 on the fourth of July and set down roots on Westwoods Rd. Their 51st anniversary occurred just this past summer. He is survived by his loving wife Michelle Landino Keating of Hamden, a son Kevin (Tara) Keating of Branford, a daughter Amy Jane (Scott) Berney of North Haven, brothers, Robert (Linda) Keating of Wallingford, James Keating of Madison, William (Betsey) Keating of North Haven, and Dennis (Peggy) Keating of North Haven, sisters Patricia Keating of Branford, and Penny Parillo of New haven, grandchildren Avery & Shane Berney, and Tessa & Ellie Keating , a sister-in-law Mary Beth (Jeff) Cannata, and several nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by sisters Judy Kopjanski & Honey Bear Keating a brother-in-law, Peter, and a sister-in-law Geraldine.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association (www.lung.org)

Services were held at the

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Ronald "Ron" Richard Zachey, 81, of North Haven passed away on Monday, December 23, 2024. He was the beloved husband of the late Jacqueline Cusano-Zachey for 52 years. Ron was born in New Haven on March 21st, 1943. He is the son of the late Edward and Marie DellaRocco- Zachey. He leaves behind his son Ronald Zachey and his loving granddaughter, Taylor Zachey. He is also survived by his brother and sister in law, Edward and Judy Pierpont, and nephew, Edward "Eddie" Pierpont. He is predeceased by his sister, Barbara Brown and grandson, Ronald Zachey Jr. He also leaves behind many friends and cousins.

Ron's family would like to thank his nephew, Eddie Pierpont, for the care he has given Ron over the past few months. A special thank you to the staff at Regency House, Wallingford, where he passed away, peacefully.

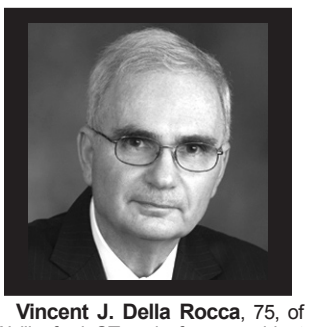
Services were held at the BEECHER BENNETT
www.beecherandbennett.com.



Marion Dorothy "Sis" Smith, 77, of Wallingford, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 28th 2024, at Yale New Haven Hospital. Sis was born in Hamden on March 15th, 1947, and was the daughter of the late Duncan Bell Smith and Marion Cassella. Loving mother of Marion Notaro, Gina Baraquin, Stephen (September) Baraquin, Sr., and William "Bill" Heaney. Affectionately known as "Mana," Marion was adored by her grandchildren Stephanie, Robert, Stephen Jr., Aaron, and Ainsley. Great grandmother to Emersyn and Nico. Marion also leaves behind her very dear and lifelong friend, June Gibson. She was predeceased by her brother, Duncan, and sister, Phyllis.

Should friends desire, please consider donating to the National Organization for Women, 1100 H Street NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20005 or by visiting now.org

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
www.northhavenfuneral.com.



Vincent J. Della Rocca, 75, of Wallingford, CT, and a former resident of North Haven, CT, passed away on Wednesday, December 18th at Midstate Hospital in Meriden. He was born on June 25, 1949, in New Haven, CT, to Joseph C. Della Rocca and Lucille (Ruggiero) Della Rocca.

Vin is survived by his sons, Joseph Della Rocca and Gerry Della Rocca. He is also survived by his sister, Rosann Morehouse, brother-in-law, Clifford Morehouse, and his two nephews, Mark and Matthew Morehouse.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Midstate Hospital for their care and comfort.

Should friends desire, please consider acts of kindness, especially for elderly people, in Vin's memory.

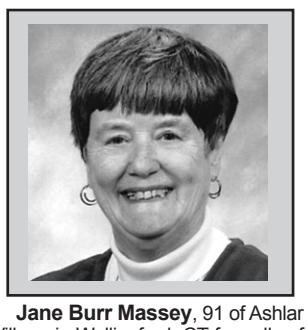


Sheila (Looby) Walter, 93, of Meriden, formerly of Wallingford, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 16, 2024, surrounded by her family. She was the loving wife of the late Francis J. Walter. Sheila was born in New Haven, February 8, 1931, a daughter of the late John T. and Gertrude V. (Lynch) Looby. She retired after 31 fulfilling years teaching kindergarten and second grade in Meriden and Wallingford schools.

She is survived by her children, Rachel W. Niland, Peter D. Walter, and Sarah J. Walter; her grandchildren, Scott Niland (Kara), Christina Risk-Adams (Seph), Caroline W. Chaparro (George), Emily M. Walter, Erin E. Gavrish (David), and Lindsay F. DelGrego (Daniel Chiofalo); her great grandchildren, Ean, Layla, Madeline, Nicholas, Clara and Bailey; her sister, Rosemary (Mrs. Joseph) Lemke; her sister-in-law, Claire Veater; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter-in-law, Diana Walter; her brother, John T. Looby and great grandson, Scott Niland.

Should friends desire, donations may be made to: readtogrow.org or Drs. without Borders.

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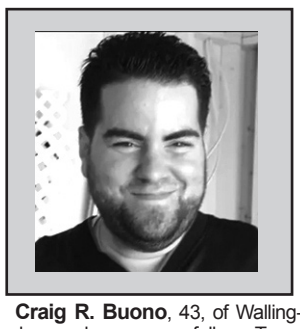


Jane Burr Massey, 91 of Ashlar Village in Wallingford, CT formally of Orange and Derby, CT passed away on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. Jane was born in Manchester, CT on May 16, 1933. She was the oldest of three daughters born to the late Katherine Gallagher Burr and Charles Stevens Burr. She was predeceased by her sister Susan Hartz and survived by her sister Anne Czepiel also of Ashlar Village.

She was the beloved mother of three. She leaves behind her son Steven, daughter Laurel and son-in-law Steve. She was predeceased by the light of her life, her youngest son Brian. She was blessed with grandchildren that admired and adored her, Jennifer and her husband Andrew, Brian and his wife Jill, Kaitlyn and Katherine. She was doubly blessed with three great-grandchildren Aubrey, Avalynn and Ryleigh Jane.

Should friends desire, the family requests donations be made to The Miracle League of Northern CT at Miracle League of Northern Connecticut, the Shriner's Children's Hospital at Shriners Children's | Shriners Hospitals for Children and/or The Masonic Charity Foundation of CT Donations | Giving Options | Support Masonicare in CT.

Services were held at the BEECHER BENNETT
www.beecherandbennett.com.



Craig R. Buono, 43, of Wallingford passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 10th, 2024, at the Silver Springs Care Center, Meriden. Born in Meriden on July 2nd, 1981, he was the son of the later William "Billy" Buono, Sr. and Virginia "Cookie" Nicolella Buono. Brother of John Buono (Heather) and William Buono, Jr. Uncle of Kaci, Sophia and William Buono III. Nephew of Susan Carrano and Robert Nicolella (Patricia).

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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North Haven Congregational Church

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Gary S. Middagh, 69, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at Yale-New Haven Hospital with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of 39 years to Cheryl Guerrera Middagh. Gary was born in New Haven on July 19, 1955, and was the son of the late Donald and Barbara White Middagh. Father of Lisa Middagh (John Norton), Gary Middagh, Jr., Stephen Middagh (Joyce), Matthew Middagh (Angela Titone), and Taylor Middagh (Andrian Oronoz). Grandfather of Eleonora, Mariana, Rafael, Melina, Charles, Jr (CJ), Christopher and Lilliana. Brother of Lori Harris (Richard), Clifford Middagh (Susan) Joyce Hodio and the late Cheryl Quinn and Douglas Middagh. Son-in-law of Elaine Guerrera.

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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Sandra Jean Gagnon Smith, 78, of Wallingford, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at MidState Medical Center, Meriden, with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of 17 years to John H. Smith, Jr. Sandra was born in Hartford, Connecticut on October 22, 1946, and was the daughter of the late Adelard and Aileen Gibbons Gagnon. Sandra is survived by her husband, John, and his children and grandchildren, and by her sisters, Lydia White and Judy Crane, and their children and grandchildren.

Should friends, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or https://www.stjude.org/

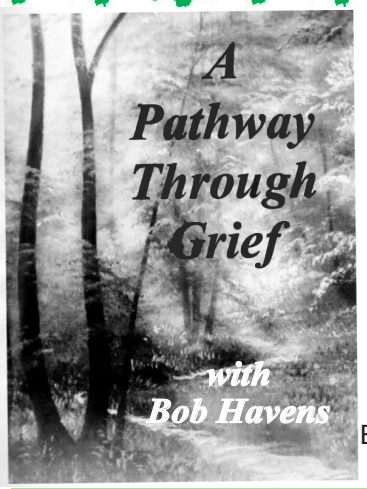
Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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Catherine Marino, 67, of Wallingford, loving wife of Robert Marino, passed away December 15, 2024 at MidState Medical Center in Meriden. Cathy was born in Meriden on November 23, 1957, a daughter of the late Raymond and Regina (Konopka) Petrosky.

In addition to her husband, Robert, she is survived by her daughters, Sarah Lister and her husband, David, of Wallingford and Karen Marino of Vernon; her brother, Keith Petrosky and his wife, Sheryll; her brothers-in-law, Salvatore Marino and his wife, Nancy, and Richard Marino; and her grandchildren, Ava Rae Grano and Brooklynn Kolasinski.

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NEXT SESSION MEETS

Jan. 21st - March 11th 6:00-7:30 P.M.

"A Pathway Through Grief" is an eight-week program for those who have lost a loved one or dear friend. This program affords one the opportunity to share and discuss those issues that are of the greatest concern at this time. It is intended to help you understand your emotions and problems; support and comfort from those who have shared the same experience and how to cope within the norms of society. Through our journey together, you will discover that life can be satisfying, rewarding and full of joy.

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