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Presented by Brian W. Havens
Avoiding Cliches: What to Say When Someone Dies

Visiting a bereaved family can be awkward and uncomfortable. Sometimes people avoid these situations completely, from fear of saying the wrong thing or simply not knowing what to say. Even with best intentions, the wrong words at this delicate time can be painful. Under pressure, we often turn to clichés, but these overused statements may be untrue and often don't make people feel better. Other things to avoid are unsolicited advice, comparisons to other deaths, interrogations about the death, judgements about the death or deceased, and placing blame on caretakers. Sometimes a grieving person really needs a good listener or someone to sit with in silence. A simple statement of support and offer to help may be your best gift.

When in the position of wanting to help a friend or loved one in grief, our first desire is often to try to "fix" the situation, when in all actuality our good intentions can lead to nothing but more grief. Knowing the right thing to say is only half of the responsibility of being a supportive emotional caregiver. To learn about our services, please call 203-239-1179. We are located at 36 Washington Avenue.

Quote: "It's better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt."
Mark Twain

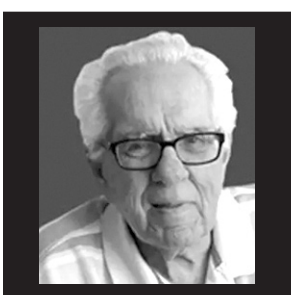
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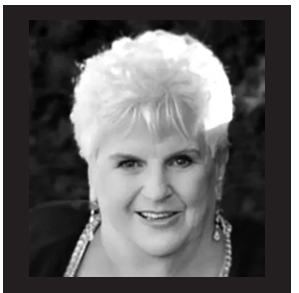
Frank J. Carrano, 83, of Wallingford, formerly of Hamden, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 2nd, 2025, at the Connecticut Hospice, Branford with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of 59 years to Marge Malatesta Carrano. Frank was born in New Haven on April 19th, 1942, and was the son of the late Vincent J. and Anna Tagliatella Carrano. He served in the Connecticut National Guard.

Father of Vincent J. Carrano (Sara Martin), Stephanie A. Busillo (Michael), Melissa P. DePodesta (Brian). Grandfather of James Carrano (Amber), Stephen Carrano (Elizabeth), Ryan, Benjamin and Gabriella Busillo, Avery and Drew DePodesta. Great-Grandfather of Victoria, Isabella and Cooper. Brother of both Neil and Lucille Carrano. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to thank his amazing caregivers Martin Keniri, Cecelia and Serina Torres and Kim Cullinane who helped to make his life more comfortable. Thank you to the caring staff at Whitney Center Rehabilitation who treated him like family. Also, to the staff of Connecticut Hospice who cared for him with dignity and respect.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the MS Society donate.nationalmssociety.org or the CT Hospice at cthospice.org

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Marilyn Jane Pace Panuzio, 92, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Friday, May 2nd, 2025, at Yale-New Haven Hospital with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late Louis W. Panuzio, Sr. Born in New Milford, CT on November 4, 1932, daughter of the late Ira S. and Laura E. Benson Pace. Mother of Shirley Rogers, Leonard Panuzio, Louis Panuzio, Jr. (Haydee), Bethanne Panuzio-Albertson (Scott), and the late Diane Benedetto. Grandmother of Tracey Panuzio-Teneyek (Christopher), Jill Scott (Christopher), Tanya Silva (Kevin), Sherry Lou Zaffina (Peter), Britany Panuzio, Diane Paniccia (Domenic), Christina Mauro (Philip) and Amanda Bosco (Wesley). Great Grandmother of Adam, Ryan, Avery, Cora, Leonardo, Luca, Alessandro, Matteo, Domenic, Dylan, Sonny, Miley, Nico, Luciano, Gianni and Arianna. Aunt of Patti, Kayla, and Maria. Predeceased by her daughter-in-law Kathleen Panuzio, son-in-laws Jack Benedetto and Frank Rogers, brother Benson Pace and a sister Shirley Carson.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org

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Cindy Ostrow, age 71, of Wallingford, passed away suddenly at home on May 4, 2025. She was born in Johnstown, PA, the daughter of the late George and Clara May Stickler. Cindy is survived by her loving family, her sister Linda Woods, her son Giovanni Figueroa-Calvente and his wife Riley, her grandchildren, Jaycob, Lexi, and Gianni all of Wallingford. In addition to her parents, Cindy is also predeceased by her sisters Stacy May and Jamie Beauchamp.

Should friends desire, donations may be made in Cindy's name to Autism Speaks at www.autismspeaks.org.

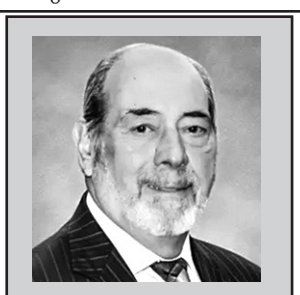
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Virginia Ballough, passed away April 23, 2025 at the age of 81 at Regency House in Wallingford CT. She was born in New Haven on April 18, 1944, a daughter of the late Horace and Eleanor VanSands.

Virginia is survived by her children, Paul Serio (spouse, Cindy Spencer), Amy Williams (spouse, Eric Williams) and Stacey Ballough (spouse, Jeremy Waycott); grandchildren, Paul Serio Jr., Amia Serio, Caitlyn Williams, Eric Williams Jr, Victor Williams, Jeremy Gavin Waycott; and her family, Bob Jackson, Linda Jackson, Glen Jackson, Tony Jean Leigh, Harry Leigh, Mark Leigh, Gregory Leigh and Paul Portuguese. She was predeceased by her son, Richard Serio; and her sisters, Barbara Jackson and Jean Leigh.

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Vincent LaBonia, Jr., 77, of Wallingford, died Thursday, May 1, 2025. He was the beloved husband of Rosanne LaBonia. Vincent was born May 24, 1947, the son of the late Vincent LaBonia, Sr., and Antoinette (Merola) LaBonia.

Vincent was predeceased by his first wife, Lois LaBonia, and his daughter, Lenore LaBonia. In addition to his wife Rosanne, he will be missed by his daughter, Denise LaBonia of Wichita; Anthony Morgillo (Marissa) of Wallingford; his sister, Elizabeth LaBonia of Cheshire; and many loving extended family members and dear friends.

Should friends desire, gifts in his memory may be sent to: The Wallingford Wishing Well, 382 N. Cherry St. Ext., Wallingford CT 06492.

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Marilyn Lee Sundwall, age 84, of Killingworth, formerly Wallingford, passed away surrounded by her family on May 2, 2025. For 67 years, she was the loving wife of James H. Sundwall Jr.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Kimberly Judenis and her husband Paul and Kris Sundwall and his wife Jill, all of Wallingford; her grandchildren, Madison Sundwall (Sweetheart), James Judenis (Angel), McKenna Sundwall (Precious), Lindsay Judenis (Sweetpea), and Macey Sundwall (Sunshine), and her great granddaughter Kennedy Williams (Little Precious), her sister-in-law Sandra Sundwall, her dear friend Paula DeMatteo and her cherished nieces and nephews. Marilyn was predeceased by her brother-in-law David Sundwall, special friends Collis and Gerry Wrightington and Barbara Skolones.

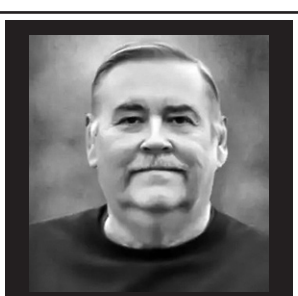
Should friends desire, donations in Marilyn's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

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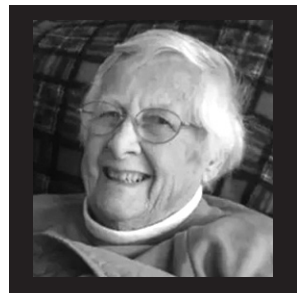
Phyllis A. Milione Krizsan, 93, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 4th, 2025, at Yale-New Haven Hospital with her daughters by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late Rudolf "Rudy" Krizsan. Phyllis was born in New Haven on March 30, 1932, and was the daughter of the late Vittorio and Lucia Sperandio Milione. Mother of Elizabeth T. Krizsan and Linnea L. Krizsan (Peter Sherman), Phyllis was proud of her children and their accomplishments. She adored her two grandchildren Ry and Max Sherman, watching them grow up and asking them lots and lots of questions. Predeceased by her brothers Ralph and Nicholas Milione, Phyllis is also survived by nieces and nephews.

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Eugene G. Eureka, Jr., 76, passed away on May 4, 2025, in Meriden after a brief illness. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, the late Marilyn (Adams) Eureka. Eugene was born in New Haven on August 27, 1948, to the late Eugene and Margaret (McMahon) Eureka, Sr. He attended Hamden High School and was a proud veteran of the US Air Force. He is survived by his daughter Michelle Eureka; his son Adam Eureka (wife Jenn); his two grandchildren, Izzy and Henry; and a strong village of neighbors and friends who always helped him out.

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Lois B. Sprague, 92, passed away peacefully on Wednesday May 7, 2025 at home in Wallingford, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on February 25, 1933 in Providence, Rhode Island, the daughter of the late Lois (Streeter) and Elmer B. Edwards.

She is survived by her sons, Freeman G. Sprague of Daytona Beach, FL and Mark E. Sprague (Bonni) of Wallingford; her grandchildren; great grandchildren; and many extended family and close friends. Her family would like to thank the staff from Franciscan Home Care and Hospice care.

Should friends desire, gifts in her memory may be sent to Masters Manna, 428 South Cherry Street, Wallingford CT 06492 or Wallingford Animal Shelter 5 pent Road, Wallingford, CT 06492.

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Gerardo "Pancho" Ramirez, 60, of Wallingford, passed away Sunday, May 4, 2025, at Yale New Haven Hospital, he was the loving husband of Sorlandy Irizarry-Heben. He was born in Mexico City, Mexico, on September 17, 1964, a son of the late Angela (Solis) and Lino Ramirez.

Besides his loving wife of 27 years, Sorlandy, "Pancho" leaves behind the family that he loved dearly; his four daughters, Erika Ramirez, Karla Ramirez, Karyme Ramirez, and Sorlandy Ramirez; three sons, Gerardo David Ramirez, Imanol Ramirez, and Arath Ramirez; three sisters, Irma Ramirez, Celia Ramirez (Eugenio Garcia), and Angeles Maribel Pina (Carlos Pina); five brothers, Luis Ramirez (Bertha Pina), Lino Ramirez, Isidoro Ramirez (Maria Isabel Aguirre), Javier Ramirez (Maria Ramirez) and Armando Ramirez; and three grandchildren, Michelle, Reyes, Cristopher Reyes and Nicolas Reyes.

Should friends desire, gifts in Gerardo's memory may be sent Go Fund Me <https://gofund.me/d2ddfa83> to assist his family with funeral expenses.

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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, 87 State Street (Kings Acres), North Haven, with payment, correct initials and code number found in lower left corner of prayer.