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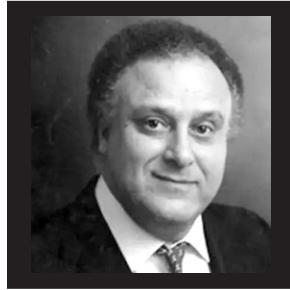
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Dominic Blace Schioppo, M.D., 89, of Cheshire, formerly of Woodbridge and Northford who passed away peacefully on May 9, 2025 with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of 64 years to Corinne Bernasconi Schioppo. Dr. Schioppo was born in New Haven on December 8, 1935, son of the late Dominic and Mary Grace Miserendino Schioppo, and served in the US Army Reserves. Father of Dominic B. Schioppo, Jr. (Michele) and Gia (Schioppo) Calistro, Esq. (the Honorable Eugene Calistro, Jr.) Grandfather of Dominic B. Schioppo III (fiancé Lisa Ferguson), Danielle (Schioppo) Schweidenback (Jordan), Davia Schioppo (fiancé Brandon Spadory), Christian Calistro (fiancé Kate McAllister), Gianni Calistro (Gabrielle Porter) and Kelly Calistro. Great grandfather of Mia Schweidenback, brother-in-law Louis Bernasconi and sister-in-law Linda Kovach. Also survived by many dear nieces, nephews and former patients for whom he cared deeply. Predeceased by his brother Dr. Peter J. Schioppo, sister Eleanor Lockery, brother-in-law Eugene Lockery and sister-in-law Mary Schioppo. The family would like to thank his caregiver Jamie Gatta and the entire staff of Elim Park, Post Acute Care Unit and the Rehabilitation Center for their compassionate and dedicated care.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to All Saints Academy (formerly Saint Francis School), 423 Ferry Street, New Haven 06513 or the Amity Charitable Trust c/o The Schioppo Family Trust, P.O. Box 8603 New Haven CT 06513.

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Dennis Aldo Angelotti, 77, a lifelong resident of Hamden, passed away on May 19, 2025, at St. Raphael Hospital, surrounded by the love of his family. Born in New Haven on April 26, 1948, he was the cherished son of the late Aldo and Dorothy Marcheggiani Angelotti.

He leaves behind his beloved daughter, Christine Ryan; his sons, Anthony Angelotti and Bret Zielanski; his treasured grandchildren, Christopher, Tyler, Cameron, Justin, Mason, and Madison; his great-grandchildren, Noah and Brooke. He is also survived by his loving sisters, Linda Flesher and late husband, Harris Flesher and Joyce Paquette and husband, Donald Paquette, as well as many extended family members and lifelong friends who were like family to him.

Should friends desire, donations in Dennis's memory may be made to the Kidney Fund at www.kidneyfund.org.

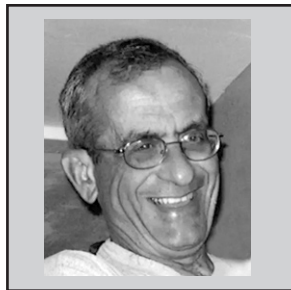
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Daniel J. Rubertone Jr., born October 31, 1949, passed away peacefully at home on May 16, 2025, at the age of 75. A lifelong resident of Hamden, he graduated from Hamden High School in 1968. He is survived by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Christine and Michael Earley of Hamden, and his cherished nephews, Justin Michael and Zachary Ryan (fiancée Caroline Berkovich) who will forever hold dear the memories of time spent together. He is also survived by many cousins who were like siblings, and lifelong friends. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. Daniel was predeceased by his parents, Daniel J. Rubertone, Sr. and Marion Fuggi Rubertone. He was also predeceased by his brother Robert Anthony Rubertone and by several very special aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Should friends desire, donations in Daniel's name can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org), American Lung Association (www.lung.org)

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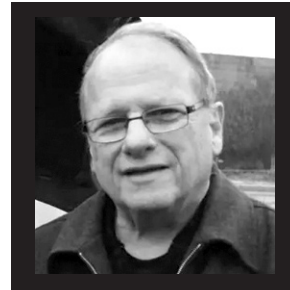
Douglas D. Harnois, 82, formerly of Chicopee, MA and most recently of Wallingford, CT, passed away peacefully on May 20, 2025, with his loving family by his side. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, loyalty, and devotion, especially to his beloved wife of 55 years, Linda (McNair) Harnois, who was the center of his world. He was born in Holyoke, MA on July 24, 1942. Doug was the cherished son of the late Jennie (Wojciechowska) and Rene Harnois. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps.

Doug's deep love for animals, especially his cat, Shiemi, reflected the gentle and caring spirit that those closest to him knew so well.

He is survived by his adoring wife, Linda, and their children: Michael Harnois and Danielle (Boyle) Harnois of Wallingford, Michele Harnois and Travis Gouvin of Cheshire, and Nicole Chirico and Tommy Chirico of Southington. He was a devoted grandfather to Parker, Ellie, and Annabelle, who brought him immeasurable joy. He is also survived by his niece, Christina Personius, nephew Rene Harnois, extended family in New Salem, MA, and his beloved friend, Dee Kennedy. Doug was predeceased by his brother, Rene Harnois, and sister-in-law, Marie Harnois.

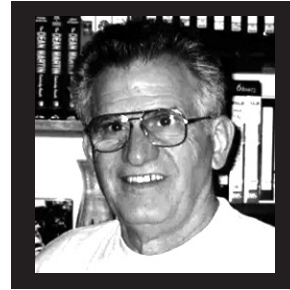
Should friends desire, gifts in his memory may be sent to Meriden Humane Society 311 Murdock Avenue, Meriden, CT 06450 www.meridenhumanesocietyrescue.com

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Michael J. Guidone, 83, of Wallingford passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, at the Connecticut Hospice, Branford with his family by his side. Michael was born in New Haven on November 27th, 1941, and was the son of the late Thomas and Winifred Herman Guidone. He served his country faithfully in the US Navy during the Vietnam war. Father of Justin T. Guidone (Kimberly), Michael Guidone and Brittany-Guidone O'Reilly. Beloved Poppa to Nathan Guidone. Brother of Dennis Guidone, Raymond Guidone (Elizabeth), Mary Cacace (the late John), Joan Spring (the late Jerry), Al Guidone (Valerie), Vera Lauren (Walter) and the late Virginia Guidone Corbin, Franklin and Thomas Guidone. Brother-in-law of Dr. Alan Corbin and Jeanne Guidone.

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Anthony G. Pilla of Forest Hills, NY, formerly of Wallingford CT, passed away on May 9, 2025, following a brief illness. He was born in Wallingford, CT on March 9, 1933, the son of the late Guy T. Pilla Sr. and Lillian (Gerace) Pilla. Anthony aka Tony was educated in local schools and graduated from Lyman Hall High School in 1952. He was a U. S. Army veteran.

Tony was predeceased by his parents and his only sibling, Guy T. Pilla Jr. He is survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins too numerous to mention.

Services were held at the
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Paul Joseph Cestaro, 82, of North Haven passed away peacefully on May 16, 2025 at St. Raphael's Hospital. Paul was born in New Haven on July 27, 1942 to the late Umberto and Dorothy Anna Prokop Cestaro. Paul grew up in New Haven and was a North Haven resident for many years. He was a member of the United States Navy from 1962-1966.

Paul lovingly leaves behind his daughters: Lisa (Anthony) Masi Jr. of Trumbull, Dawn Cestaro (John Romanik) of Loris, South Carolina, and April Keating of Bonita Springs, Florida; four grandchildren, Joseph Greco, MSgt USAF (Lindsay TSgt USAF), Anthony Masi, III, Daniel Keating and Cristina Masi; and one great-grandchild, Vincent Greco.

Should friends desire, please consider a donation to your local Red Cross blood bank, www.redcross.org. Services were held at the
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Josephine Irene (Tondalo) Criscuolo, 86, of West Hartford, CT, formerly of North Haven, CT departed this life on Thursday, May 15, 2025. She was born in New Haven, CT on November 20, 1938. She leaves behind three children and nine grandchildren. After living with her daughter Jennie she moved to Brookdale Chatfield Assisted Living of West Hartford. While there she made many loving friends, her best friend being Linda. We would like to thank all the staff for their kindness and compassion for our mother. A special thank you to Sasha who took such good care of her.

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Mary Lou Louth Morgan, 82, of North Haven, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025, at Yale New Haven Hospital/St Raphael Campus. She was the beloved wife of over 50 years to the late James L. Morgan. Mary Lou was born in West Haven on July 7th, 1942, and was the daughter of the late John and Viola Sennett Louth. Mary Lou is survived by her children, Tim (Sarah) Morgan, Valerie Morgan, and Laura Webb, as well as her grandchildren, Dakota and Vanessa Morgan, Alexander and Gabriela Moreno, and Tessa and Ryan Webb.

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

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Scott Edward Mellor 66, of Hamden, passed away on Friday, May 16, 2025. Scott was born in Meriden, February 22, 1959, a son of the late George Mellor, Jr. and the late Lorraine (Dalton) Mellor. Scott spent his childhood on a small Wallingford farm with his parents and four siblings. For many years he lived in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Scott leaves behind his siblings: Christine Mellor Sirois, George Mellor III (Chip) and his wife Linda Mellor, and Bonny Mellor Pappacoda and her husband Nick Pappacoda; nieces and nephews: Joel Sirois, Jean Mellor, Jody Mellor, Andrew Mellor, Marlo Mellor, Bryan Mellor, Abbey Rae, Amy Crook, and Jillian Crook; several great-nieces and nephews; and many dear friends. Scott was predeceased by his sister, Sandra Mellor and his nephews John David Horta and Jared Mellor Sirois.

Services were held at the
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