OBITUARIES



Peggy Sunderland McCarthy, a special Irish lady, departed this life on January 6th, 2025, surrounded by those who love her. Her 98 years were a testament to the beauty of a life well-lived, full of faith, love, and unwavering strength.

Peggy was the beloved wife of her cherished husband, David, for a dynamic 67 years-a partnership rooted in devotion, humor, and steadfast love. Together, they built a family that was her greatest pride: Maura (and her husband, Thomas Stavovy), Kerry Devlin, Patrick, Pegeen (and her husband, Arthur Alexander), Joseph (and his wife, Angela), Emmett, Lawrence (and his wife, Tammy), and Kathleen (and her husband, Guy Dufresne). Her love extended warmly to her grandchildren Tim (and his wife, Bridget), Dylan (and his wife, Ayse), Dan, Patrick (and his wife, Maria), Katie, and Kevin, and great-grandchildren, Davy, Yusuf, and Cora, each of whom she adored and nurtured with wisdom and joy.

Peggy attributed her passion for lifelong learning to the Dominican Sisters at Cathedral High School class of '44 in Manhattan, associated with St. Patrick's Cathedral. She continued her education at Hunter College and later at Albertus Magnus College. A founding member of the North Haven Art Guild, Peggy had a deep love for landscape painting. She was also a member of the Welsh Corral in New York City and the Our Lady of Mount Carmel church choir, Hamden. Additionally, she volunteered for 27 years her talents as a calligrapher at the Ronald McDonald House.

To step into Peggy's home was to be embraced by a spirit of kindness and purpose, heralded by the sign at her front door: "What good shall I do this day?" It was a philosophy she lived by, guiding her actions with generosity and thoughtfulness. Ever the gracious host, she welcomed all to her table with a warm smile, a perfectly brewed cup of tea, and her signature Irish bread-a gesture of love that nourished both body and soul.

Peggy's indomitable strength inspired all who knew her. Whether through the joys and challenges of raising a large family or the creative pursuits she held dear, Peggy embodied courage and perseverance. She was a voracious reader of The New York Times and was never without a book. An artist, a writer, and an eternal optimist, she found beauty in the world and reflected it back in all she did.

Her faith was the cornerstone of her life-a thoughtful and enduring foundation that informed her approach to life's triumphs and trials alike. Peggy's sparkling blue eyes revealed a light that shone brightly through both joy and hardship. Her disarming charm, paired with a sharp wit and boundless wisdom, made her a force to be reckoned with-graceful yet never to be underestimated.

She taught us how to love, how to cherish family above all else, and how to find happiness in the simple yet profound connections that bind us all together. To her family and friends, Peggy was a role model of strength, grace, and unconditional love. She will forever be remembered as an amazing example: wise, kind, generous, funny, intelligent, and above all, a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Peggy leaves behind a legacy of love-a glue that will continue to hold her family together, reminding us always of her extraordinary life and the lessons she imparted.

The family asks that you honor Peggy's memory by embracing her mantra: "What good shall I do this day?"

Rest in peace, Peggy. You were, and will always remain, our guiding light.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Ronald McDonald House in New Haven, CT.



David M. Schoen, 71, beloved husband of the late Melinda Joy Schoen, of Wallingford, passed away on Monday, January 6th, 2025 at Connecticut Hospice of Branford. He was born in New Haven on March 16th, 1953, the son of the late Leonard Schoen and Maureen Joos.

David is survived by his daughter Jessica Schoen and partner Lewis Dickerson, daughter Maureen and son-in-law Joel Krajeski, his son Victor and daughter-in-law Claudia Sperrazza and daughter Stephanie and son-in-law Ryan Gawel as well as his cherished grandchildren, Griffon Krajeski, Sydney Dickerson, Natalie Dickerson, Paul Sperrazza, Bella Sperrazza, Joseph Sperrazza, Lee Gawel, Emily Gawel, Ryan Gawel, and Cait Gawel. He is survived by his siblings Kathy and (Ronald) McGlinchey, Pamela Parker, Patricia and (Kenneth) Wotton, Kevin and (Cheryl) Schoen, Tracy and (Derek) Wilbur plus numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and beloved friends.

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Amelia A. Caswell, of North Port, FL passed away on Monday, January 6, 2025 at the age of 78. She was born in New Haven on May 29, 1946, daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Velardi) Ruggiero. She moved to Florida from Wallingford in 2008.

Amelia is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, William C. of North Port, FL; her son and daughter in law, Scott and Rhonda Caswell of Meriden; her daughter and son in law, Lori and Brett Borghi-Lemieux of Middletown; her grandchildren, Phil St Onge, Keirsten Caswell-Limoges (Roger), Scott Caswell (Lindsey), Zander Caswell, Eli Caswell, and Paul Borghi-Lemieux; her brothers; Joseph Ruggiero (Judy) of Wallingford CT, Robert Ruggiero (Lois) of Clinton; her sister-in-law, Earlene Pizzuti of Fort Meyers FL; and many cousins, nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her grandson, Christian Humphrey.

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St. Ann's Food Pantry

Hamden: St. Ann's Food Pantry at 322 Circular Ave., is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month 9:30-10:30am.

North Haven Congregational Church

WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Service at the North Haven Congregational Church is held on Sundays at 9:30am.

Come and visit - you are welcome!

NORTHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
WHERE GOD'S WORD LIVES

Sunday Service

Please join us at Northford Congregational Church, 4 Old Post Road for Sunday Service at 10am.

Visit our Website: northford congregational.church

Follow us on YouTube, Tik Tok, Instagram, and Twitter: NCCHSMove

Find us on Facebook: Northford Community Church or Northford Congregational Church.

New Creation Coffee House



Northford Community Church, 4 Old Post Rd., will present New Creation Coffee House, featuring Sarah Roberts on Sat., Jan. 18 at 7pm.

"Praise the LORD's greatness with me. Let us highly honor His name together." Psalm 34:3

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St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday Service

North Haven: You are welcome at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3 Trumbull Place (at the top of the North Haven Green) for Sunday Service (Holy Communion) at 9am.

Visit our website: https://www.stjohns-northhaven.org/

Follow us on Facebook: St. John's Episcopal Church, North Haven, CT.

Are You Looking for a Meaningful Volunteer Job?

Hamden: If so, come and join the team at Mae's Closet, the Hamden based durable medical equipment loan closet. We lend all sorts of durable medical equipment, including wheelchairs, shower chairs and walkers, to those who need it. The equipment is donated, repaired if necessary, sanitized and then loaned out for $1.00. It is recycling at its best.

The hours are flexible, the company is great, and the people who come to borrow equipment are most grateful. We save them a lot of money.

Mae's Closet is a program of Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers, (IVCG) the organization that provides volunteer drivers to seniors to medical appointments. If the closet doesn't appeal to you then you can volunteer to drive for IVCG. Either way you will be providing a valuable service to our community.

To reach Mae's Closet, call (475) 414-8333 Mon.-Fri., 9am-12 noon. To reach Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers call (475) 257-6538.

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A PATHWAY THROUGH GRIEF

North Haven Funeral Home &
The Landing - *Co-sponsors*
Bob Havens - *Facilitator*
Catherine Szerszen – *Co-Facilitator*

Location
The Landing
201 Clintonville Rd.,
North Haven
Bob Havens: **860-480-1655**
~ havensvo67@aol.com

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.

If you have had a recent or previous loss and are having difficulty coping, please join us. North Haven Funeral Home offers this bereavement support program at no charge to participants.

RSVP: Bob Havens (860) 480-1655



Winter Alpha Programs at St. Paul VI Parish

Hamden: Looking for fellowship and spiritual growth? Join us for Alpha to explore questions of life and faith.

We invite you to join us on Tuesday mornings from 8:30-10am at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Jan. 14 - April 1 or, experience Alpha online on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9pm, Jan. 15 - April 9.

All are welcome; registration is required.

Please visit the parish website at: hamdencatholic.org for course details and registration information.

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Volunteers Needed for Nursing Home

Hamden: Whitney Rehabilitation Center at 2798 Whitney Ave., is seeking volunteers for our recreation department.

Interested individuals can inquire at (203) 287-7718 and ask for our Director of Recreation, Donna Mignosa.

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Food Pantry Dishes Out Groceries for Those in Need

North Haven: The Churches of North Haven Food Pantry is located at the North Haven Congregational Church. Those in need can call (203) 239-5691 to provide information to be registered for receiving non-perishable food once per month at pre-arranged scheduled pickup times.

The Food Pantry is supported by the North Haven community, many denominations of faith in North Haven as well as organizations including the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Elks, Renegade Pigs, the Lions, Rotary, Knights of Columbus.

Anyone wanting to make a monetary or non-perishable donation can also call the North Haven Congregational Church, (203) 239-5691. Neighbor helping neighbor. There is food need year-round. Volunteers staff the Food Pantry to make food available for pre-scheduled monthly pickups.

Mae's Closet Still Needs Help

Hamden: Mae's Closet, the place where durable medical equipment is loaned out, is asking for volunteers to assist in helping. You do not need to be familiar with the equipment, we will teach you. What we need are people who are friendly and helpful, and interested in making life easier for our fellow citizens.

The Closet is based in Hamden but we serve people from all over the area. We are a non-profit affiliated with Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers and we meet our borrowers or donors of equipment on weekday afternoons by appointment.

If you are interested in volunteering or to find out more, please call (475) 414-8333 and a volunteer will return your call.

3rd Marine Division Association Seeking Members

The Third Marine Division Association invites anyone who served with/or in direct support of the 3rd Marine Division at any time to join our association.

For a membership application or more information, please contact Ray Kelley at (508) 459-9937 or mgkm60@yahoo.com.

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