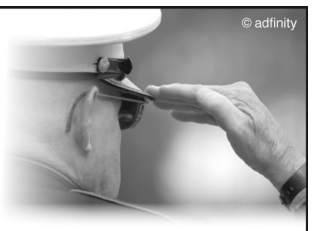
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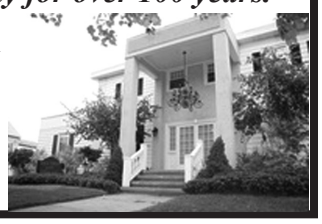


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Cheryl Ann Abella, passed away peacefully on Easter Sunday, April 5th, 2026 at her home with her family by her side, after a nearly four-year courageous battle with lung cancer. Raised in Hamden, Connecticut, Cheryl was the middle child of William and Concetta Sargolini, with a younger brother, Joey, and an older brother, Billy, both of whom she loved dearly.

Cheryl shared a beautiful 40-year marriage with her high school sweetheart, John Abella, whom she met at just 15 years old. Cheryl and John have two daughters together, Bianca Abella Gast and Kayla Abella.

Cheryl was predeceased by her parents, William and Concetta Sargolini, and her older brother, Billy Sargolini. She is survived by her loving husband, John Abella; her daughters, Bianca Abella Gast (Mike Gast) and Kayla Abella; her three grandsons, Griffin, Bodhi, and Colton Gast; her younger brother, Joe Sargolini (Diane Penna); nine nieces and nephews; extended family particularly her 101 year old father-in-law, Cleto Abella, who considered her a third daughter and John's four siblings; Ruben Abella, Alex Abella, Mara Abella and Mariela (Silky) Shukis (Peter Shukis) as well as devoted friends.

Should friends desire, please consider donating to the The Abella Family Endowed Scholarship Fund https://www.givecampus.com/campaigns/78906/donations/new at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut.

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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Donna Schultz Slie, 77, of Wallingford, died at her home on Sunday, April 5, 2026. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, James R. Slie Sr. Donna was born on September 8, 1948, a daughter of the late Philip and Jean (Dondero) Schultz, and was a lifelong Wallingford resident. She was a graduate of Holy Trinity School and Lyman Hall H.S. Class of 1966.

Donna will be missed by her sister, Karen Milano, whom she resided with.

Should friends desire, gifts in her memory may be sent to Holy Trinity School, 11 N Whittlesey Ave, Wallingford, CT 06492, or the Wallingford Animal Shelter, 5 Pent Rd, Wallingford, CT 06492.

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St. Ann's Food Pantry

Hamden: St. Ann's Food Pantry at 322 Circular Avenue (rear building), is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30am.

For more information, please call (203) 248-0141.



Judith Owen Wiedenmann, 66, of Wallingford, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, April 3, 2026. She was the loving wife of Robert G. Wiedenmann, Jr. for 44 years. Born in New Haven on July 31, 1959, Judy was the beloved daughter of the late Harold and Anne (McGuire) Owen.

In addition to her husband, she leaves behind her children, Amy Wiedenmann and Kyle Wiedenmann, both of Wallingford, and her granddaughter, Ellieah Wiedenmann, who brought endless happiness to her life. She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law, William and Barbara Owen of Merritt Island, Florida; her sisters, Elizabeth Owen and Marie Krista (Peter Dewitt) of Wallingford; her sister-in-law, Donna Wiedenmann and her husband, Joseph DeFrancesco of Wallingford; as well as 4 nieces, 4 nephews, 2 great-nieces, and 3 great-nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; her parents-in-law, Robert and Patricia Wiedenmann; and her brother-in-law, David Krista.

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

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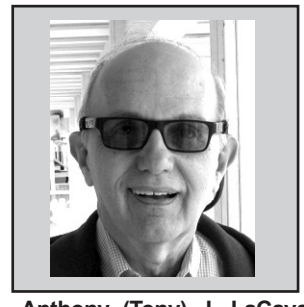


Kathleen A. (McWade) Pizzuti, 86, of Wallingford, CT, passed away peacefully at home on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026. She was the loving wife of the late Phillip Pizzuti. Kathleen was born in the Bronx, NY, March 24, 1940, a daughter of the late Christopher and Cecilia (Bradley) McWade.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Kathleen and Nasser Rafiee of Newburyport, MA, and Rosanne Pizzuti of Wallingford, CT; her son, Ralph Pizzuti of Wallingford, CT; her grandchildren, Phillip (Anne), Bernadette (Michael), Julia (Sam), Victoria (Ian), Phillip, Arman and Alana; and she adored her role as "Gigi" to: Abby, Camden, Ellie Kate, Ace, Lola, and Lilly. She will also be missed by her brother, Frank McWade; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters, Cecilia Murray, Bernadette Blumenfeld and Mary Engel; and her brothers, William, Chris and Peter McWade.

The family would like to thank Sonia Torres for her many years of loving care she provided to Kathleen.

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Anthony (Tony) J. LaCava Jr, 89, passed away peacefully from natural causes on February 18th, 2026 in Hamden, Connecticut. Born in Waterbury, CT in 1936 to Anthony Sr. and Josephine (Testa) LaCava, Tony enjoyed traveling the world with Clifford Morgan, his devoted partner of 44 years and spending time with family and friends at home and abroad. He is survived by his partner, Clifford Morgan of Hamden, Connecticut; his brother, Robert LaCava and his wife, Connie LaCava, of Middlebury, Connecticut; his four children: Lynda LaCava and her partner, Michelle De Ruijter, of Vlissingen, the Netherlands; Scott LaCava and wife, Juliet Bryce, of Amesbury, Massachusetts; Laura LaCava of Copenhagen, Denmark; and Christopher LaCava of New Haven, Connecticut. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Callum LaCava of Massachusetts; Satya LaCava of the Netherlands; and Sarah Stambaugh of California; as well as his beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

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Raymond Torello, 67, of Foley, Alabama and formerly of Wallingford, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at Ascencion Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. He was born in Meriden on October 25, 1958 to the late Harold and Lucille (Cassello) Torello Sr.

Raymond was a strong and outspoken man who had a soft spot for his lovely bride, Lisa who he was married to for 7 beautiful years before her passing in 2004.

He is survived by his brother, Harold; his sister-in-law, Carol; his nieces and nephews, Alison, Caroline, Michael, Nicholas, and Blakely. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Lisa Torello; and his brother, David Torello.

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Margaret (Severino) Mansfield, 89, of Wallingford, passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at Masonicare Health Center. She was the beloved wife of the late Edward J. Mansfield Sr. Margaret was born in New Haven on July 25, 1936, a daughter of the late Anna L. (Stoehr) Clark and William Severino.

Margaret is survived by her devoted children: Debra Chase and her husband Gary, Edward J. Mansfield Jr. and his fiancée Maureen Zimmernman, and Cherie Schiano and her husband Biagio. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Ed Mansfield (Julie), Jennifer Mahoney (Patrick), Michelle Harvey (Jason), Mark Chase (Brooke), Ilaria Schiano (Samantha), Daniela Laspino (Matthew), and Sabrina Clavette (Jeremy), as well as several great-grandchildren. She is further survived by her brother, William Severino and wife Eileen, along with many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Margaret was predeceased by her siblings, Alan Severino and Virginia "Ginger" Abbadessa.

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Richard "Dick" Gordon Carney, Ret. HFD, a lifelong resident of Hamden, CT, beloved husband of 66 years to Patricia Louise (Thibeault) Carney, passed away on April 2, 2026 at Connecticut Hospice. Richard was born in Hamden on October 31, 1934, a son of the late Thomas and Caroline (Fields) Carney.

Richard leaves behind his wife Patricia, and his daughters, Janet Reilly (Rob) and Nancy Daley (Mark), both of Hamden, and Susan Jannitto (Jeff) of South Yarmouth, MA. He was predeceased by his brothers, Thomas and Robert Carney. Richard is also survived by his seven grandchildren, Kelly (John), Janie (Greg), Shana (Travis), Katie, Jeffery (Johnna), Morgan (Chris), and Jack, and great-grandchildren, Madelyn, McKenna and McKinley.

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

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

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.