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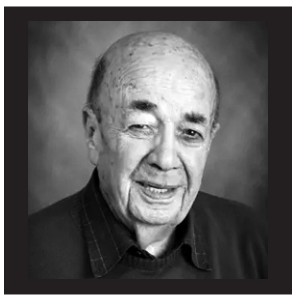

William T. Viola Sr., age 88, of Wallingford went home to be with the Lord on June 14, 2026. For 69 years, he was the loving husband of Florence Graves Viola. Bill was born in Bridgeport, CT, the son of the late Nelson Viola Sr. and Ruth Ferris Viola Smith. Bill was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by his son William T. Viola Jr. and his wife Mary of Wallingford, his grandchildren Grace M. Viola of Hamden, Theresa K. Viola Nowaczyk and her husband James of FL, Andrew W. Viola of IL, and Claire E. Viola of Fairfield, and his great grandson Jack Henry Nowaczyk and many nieces and nephews. Bill is also predeceased by his siblings, Nelson Viola Jr. and Margaret Liptack.

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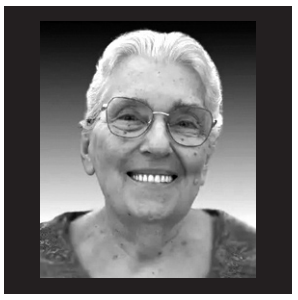
Loretta J. Jaekle Colandrea, 88, of North Haven, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, June 14th, 2026, with her loving family by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late Bennie Colandrea. Loretta was born in Derby on November 10th, 1937, and was the daughter of the late Herman and Mary Manion Jaekle. Loretta is survived by her daughter, Laurie (Donald) Olson, her grandchildren, Ryan (Stephanie), Justin (Teresa), Tyler (Katherine), and Scott Olson, and great-grandchildren, Ella, Liam, and Sophie Olson. She was predeceased by her sister, Margaret "Peggy" Brennan.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Compassus Hospice, 612 Wheelers Farm Road, Suite 103, Milford, CT 06461

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



Ruth Anne Passler Mancano Loomis, age 87, of the Yalesville section of Wallingford, CT, passed away peacefully on June 12, 2026. She was the wife of the late Rodney Ives Loomis. Ruth Loomis was born in Boston, MA on August 31,1938. She was the daughter of the late Harry Bruno Passler and Ruth Vallett Sellew Passler.

She is survived by her children: Marilyn Wrubel and her husband Michael of Manchester, CT, Jim Mancano and his wife Amy of Surfside Beach, TX, Daniel Mancano and his wife Anja of Redmond, WA, her stepchildren: William Loomis and his wife Jane of Hope Valley, RI, Michele Loomis Tingley and her husband Ken of Hebron, CT, Frederick Loomis and his wife Valerie of Milford, CT, and David Loomis and his wife Melissa of Wallingford, CT. She is also survived by her sisters: Martha Mosher and Naomi Claggett, and her grandchildren: Emma, Lena, Brendon, Gabby, Keegan, Jonathan, Jesse, Julia, Joe, Mike, Jess, Jake, Brandon, Hannah, Natalia, Alex, Rhianna, Avery, and Tanner. Her life legacy will also carry on with her great grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews and their families, and many friends. She was predeceased by her sister, Mary Nelson, and her stepdaughter, Justine Loomis.

The family would like to thank the people who lovingly cared for Ruth through the Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, Franciscan Ever There Care, Vernon Rehab and Healthcare Center, and Beacon Hospice.

Should friends desire, please consider making a donation in Ruth's honor to: Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, 267 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT, 06451.

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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 prearranged scheduled pickup times.

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 yearround. Volunteers staff the Food Pantry to make food available for pre-scheduled monthly pickups.

NORTHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
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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.

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.

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish Mass Schedule

North Haven/North Branford: The newly formed St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish officially brings together the parish communities of St. Ambrose, North Branford and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, North Haven into one united Catholic community.

The parish now includes the worship locations of St. Augustine Church, 30 Caputo Rd, North Branford; St. Monica Church, 1321 Middletown Avenue, Northford; St. Barnabas, 44 Washington Avenue, North Haven and St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Avenue, North Haven.

All are warmly invited to join us for Mass and becoming part of our growing parish family. Weekend and daily Masses are offered throughout our parish community, providing many opportunities for worship, prayer, fellowship and service. Whether you are a long-time parishioner, returning to the Church or searching for a parish home, we welcome you to pray with us and experience the joy of our Catholic community!

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4pm: St. Barnabas; 4:30pm: St. Augustine

Sunday Mass - 8am: St. Barnabas; 9am: St. Monica; 10am: St. Therese; 11am: St. Augustine

Daily Mass - Mon.-Thurs., 8am: St. Barnabas; Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., 9am: St. Augustine

Sacrament of Reconciliation- A half hour before all morning daily Masses & Saturday Vigil, during Monday and Wednesday Adoration. 5-6pm, Mon.: St. Augustine; 5-6pm, Wed.: St. Barnabas.

Please reach out to the parish office with any questions, (203) 484-0403 or (203) 239-5378.

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.

St. Andrew's Worship Services

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, 1382 Middletown Ave., has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10am. Refreshments and fellowship always follow.

Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! All are always welcome! The Church is also open to all in the community for individual prayer, Tuesdays from noon to 2pm.

St. Andrew's supports many community programs, and contributes regularly to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services (NBSS) Thanksgiving Basket Share and Christmas Gift & Food Basket Share programs; NBSS Back-To-School Backpacks; clothing donations (donation shed located at the back of the church parking lot); and more.

A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as an Annual Rhubarb Fest, summertime Ice Cream Socials, and the annual Harvest Supper. Please join us for the events, and help us help our neighbors! Additionally, the church's Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc.

The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew's priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at (203) 710-7005.

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Delicious Ziti Dinner Was Enjoyed By Many North Haven Residents



Pictured (L-R): The board members of St. Trofimena Society Peggy Cummings, Dave Kelly, Rose Turney, Guilana Giosa, Jean Quartino, and Richard Biondi.

North Haven: On Saturday, June 13, many North Haven residents and members of the St. Trofimena Society Club enjoyed a delicious homemade ziti dinner buffet style. North Haven, co-president Richard Biondi, his co-president cousin Dave Kelly, and Vice president, Rose Turney, with other board members held this wonderful dinner. There was a prayer said first, followed by delicious appetizers consisting of bruschetta's on toasted bread, assorted flavored olives, homemade friselles, water soda, wine, for all to enjoy. The St. Trofimena Society has 125 members, but only 55 were able to attend the dinner. Vice president Rose Turney did all the cooking of homemade ziti macaroni, meatballs, sausage, extra sauce, and a tossed salad, along with Italian bread. Everyone went up one table at a time for this wonderful dinner. After eating there was a raffle, prizes, and money was raffled off, one winner who won money gave it back and it was a nice amount. Everyone then enjoyed homemade cookies, and pastry by Lucabella's Bakery with their coffee and tea. It was a great night of family and friends getting together to enjoy each others company, laughing, joking. Al Clemente sang Momma, and other great Italian songs in Italian and opera style. Times like this make great memories lasting a lifetime. God Bless Us All.

Story and photo by Jo Ann Buccetti

Father's Day Luau



Pictured: Our senior center manager Paulette joining the singing group the Cukes.



Pictured: Father's with their wife's.

North Haven: On Friday, June 12, there were so many people who had a hula lot of fun at our Father's Day Luau luncheon. The musical group, the Cukes had us all out of our seats singing and dancing, they even had our senior center manager Paulette join them to play a song. The barbecue chicken, corn bread, and pasta salad had our mouths watering, and the pina colada cupcakes, donated by member Terry were an adorable and a delicious way to finish off our meal. Thank you to everyone who attended to celebrate the wonderful father's in our lives, happy early Father's Day.

Story by Mary Higgins, photos by Jo Ann Buccetti.

Masonicare Hospice Seeking Volunteers

Wallingford: Masonicare Hospice is seeking new volunteers for all areas of CT and the Westerly, RI region.

Hospice volunteers assist in many ways, including companionship (in person or through phone calls), sitting vigil, quiet conversations, family support, expressive arts, spiritual care, and clerical tasks in the office. We are also looking for Veterans who are interested in visiting other Veterans through our "We Honor Veterans" program.

Volunteers set their own time schedules and will receive ongoing support and training. Our volunteers tell us they are amazed at how much they get out of this experience!

Complimentary, virtual or in-person training classes are available. To learn more or sign up, please contact Jolan Szollosi, Volunteer Coordinator, at (203) 679-5342.

Volunteers Needed for Nursing Home

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

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