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Why Do Headstones Face East?

In many cemeteries you may notice that most headstones are east facing. The practice began in ancient Greece and Egypt when people worshiped the sun god. They buried their dead to face the rising sun each day. Christians continued the practice for similar reasons because scripture states that Jesus will return to earth for the second coming from the east. Many Christian churches are built with the door facing west so that worshipers face east toward the alter while seated during services. Many Christian cemeteries are arranged this way as well, with the headstones facing east, except for clergy, whose headstones face west in anticipation of rising again to face their congregations when the rapture comes.

When searching for ways to personalize a funeral service, remember the moments you spent with the person and try to highlight the qualities that she or he are remembered for. Consider hobbies, subjects of interest and places where the person spent much of his or her time. It can help to make lists of their passions, achievements and memories you shared together. There are a number of ways that these lists can be incorporated into a service. To learn about our services, please call 203-239-1179. We are located at 36 Washington Avenue.

Quote: "Like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memories survive in time of sorrow." Robert Louis Stevenson

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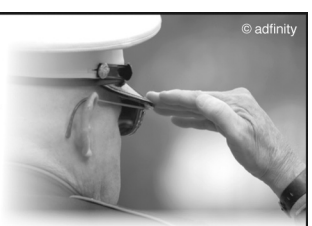


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Cathy Jennings Parent, 84, peacefully departed this life on November 14, 2024 at home surrounded by her loving family and friends. She was the beloved wife of David Gerald Parent. Cathy was born in New Haven, CT on August 5, 1940, a daughter to the late Charles Ellis and Grace (Wahlgren) Jennings III. The youngest of four children, Cathy grew up in Northford.

Besides her husband, Cathy is survived by her children: David Wahlgren Parent (Lourdes), Grace Parent Halsey (Peter), Anthony Ellis Parent, Franklin Benedict Parent (Rachel Mark), as well as her grandchildren Elisa, David, Calvin, Jake, Henry, Phoebe, Noah, Ulysses, Jane, and Ellis. She is also survived by her brother Charles Ellis Jennings IV (Rhoda), sisters-in-law Adair Luciani and Joline Nivert, her great friends Barbara Gilloren and Eileen Dubois, in addition to numerous nieces and nephews, along with their beautiful progeny. In addition to her parents, Cathy is predeceased by her sister Louise (George) Wisnewski, her brother Jon Jennings, and her brothers-in-law Dean Parent and Frank Nivert.

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Francis "Bud" J. Fallon Jr., 66, of Wallingford, CT, passed away peacefully in his home on Monday, November 18, 2024, with his loving wife, Lydia Gomez, and beloved daughter, Sara Fallon at his bedside. Born on February 18, 1958, Bud was the son of the late Francis J. Fallon Sr. and Marion Hoffman Fallon. Bud was a proud alumnus of Sheehan High School in Wallingford, CT. Following high school, Bud went on to serve his country as a radioman in the United States Navy.

Bud is survived by his wife, daughter, stepchildren, Yazlyn Burgos and Antony Burgos, and his adored grandchildren, Eli, Ezekiel, and Ezra Burgos, who lovingly called him "Grandpa." He was predeceased by his brother, Timothy P. Fallon, whom he held close in his heart.

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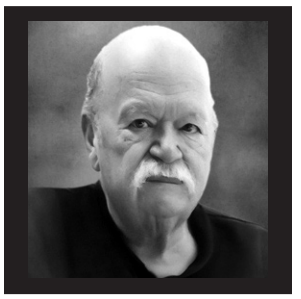
Alpha Program at St. Paul VI Parish

Hamden: Alpha is a series of sessions exploring life and the Christian faith. Our Fall Alpha program runs through Dec. 13.

We invite you to join us Thursday evenings from 6-8pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church to share a meal, view a film, and discuss meaningful topics with new friends. All are welcome, but registration is required.

For more information about the Alpha program, course details, and registration information, visit the parish website at: hamdencatholic.org

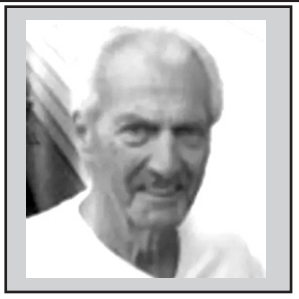
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Jozef Kopakow, "G.I. Joe" 78 of Wallingford, loving husband of Grace (Barillaro) Kopakow, passed away Saturday November 16, 2024. He was born in Munich, Germany, the son of the late Ivan and Veronica (Racic) Kopakow. Jozef and his parents moved to Meriden when he was very young and lived in the Meriden and Wallingford areas for his entire life. Jozef honorably served in the U.S Army during the Vietnam era and later became a Drill Sergeant in the Army Reserve.

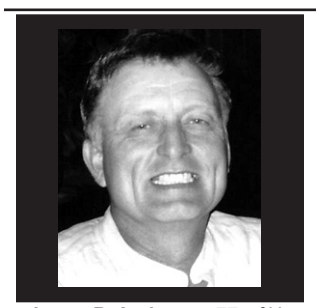
Jozef was the beloved father of Marcy Rose and Christopher Kopakow (Lisa), of FL. He is also survived by his two grandchildren, Harlee Guggisberg and Parker Therrien. Jozef was also a great grandfather to Linnea and Austin Guggisberg. He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews.

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Michael "Micky" G. Franco, 85, of Hamden, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Yale New Haven Hospital/St. Raphael Campus with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of 60 years to Maryann Balsamo Franco. Micky was born in New Haven on October 6, 1939, and was the son of the late Louis and Cecilia Landino Franco. Beloved father of Michael Franco Jr., Steven Franco, and Cecilia (Donald) Waldron. Loving grandfather of Ashton and Brooke Waldron. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousin. Predeceased by his siblings Peter and Benjamin Franco, Josephine Cliny, Louise Amore, Philomena Matarese, and Elizabeth Franco.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
www.northhavenfuneral.com.



James B. Anderson, 77, of Hamden, passed away at his home on November 16, 2024. James was the beloved husband of the late Darlene Jeffe Anderson. He was born in New Haven on October 26, 1947 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Rosemary Mikolinski Anderson. James moved to Hamden in 1978.

He will be remembered by his son, Scott Anderson, with whom he resided; and his brothers, Robert Anderson of Cromwell, and John Stobierski of Northford. He was predeceased by his sister, Linda Vitali.

Services were held at the Beecher Bennett
www.beecherandbennett.com.



Paul Anthony Suzio, 66, of Wallingford, beloved husband of Grace (Cerrato) Suzio, passed away peacefully on November 21st, 2024 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Born on February 11th, 1958 to Marie (Giannelli) Suzio and the late John J. Suzio, Paul spent his early years in Meriden, CT.

In addition to his wife, Grace, he leaves behind his three children; his son, Paul Suzio Jr. (wife Juliana), and his two daughters; Stephanie Suzio, and Amanda Suzio-Jungk (husband Ryan Jungk), all of Wallingford. He is also survived by his six grandchildren; Camryn, Jonathan, Juliette, Brielle, Monroe, and Everly; his mother Marie Suzio, his sister Debra Albrycht, and his brother David Suzio (wife Joy). He was predeceased by his father, John J. Suzio, his brother-in-law Beau Albrycht, and his nephew Jason Albrycht. Paul also leaves behind several nieces and nephews, numerous friends, and his best friend of 46 years, James Sherman.

We would like to thank all of Paul's dedicated doctors, nurses, and staff at MSK in NYC and Hartford Hospital who cared for him over the years.

Should friends desire, donations may be made in his name to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Children's Cancer Center in NYC or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Dennis Alan Brogan, 72, of Wallingford, Connecticut passed away on November 19, 2024 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport following surgery. He was born September 30, 1952 to Claire Coveyduck and James Brogan of New Haven, CT. Dennis leaves behind his loving wife of 51 years, Linda Apuzzo Brogan and his beloved son Chase Andrews Brogan, wife Erin Brogan and his adored grandchildren Jaxson Graham, Chloe Brogan and Asher Brogan. In addition, Dennis leaves his siblings James Brogan and Nancy Dest and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Should friends desire, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105, or a children's charity of choice.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
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Al-Anon 12-Step Program

Does someone else's drinking trouble you? Do you feel that there is no one who understands your problems? Attending Al-Anon and Alateen Family Group meetings can help.

In Al-Anon, members do not give direction or advice to other members. Instead, they share their personal experiences and stories.

To learn more, browse the website **ctalanon.org**. To find a meeting in CT, please use the Meetings tab at the top of the page. Alternately, calls can be made to 1-888-825-2666.

St. Andrew's Welcomes All!

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10am, except during the Summer are held at 9am (from June through Labor Day). Refreshments and fellowship always follows. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! All are always welcome!!

St. Andrew's supports many community programs. The Food Pantry of North Branford is located in the lower level of St. Andrew's Parish Hall. St. Andrew's annually contributes to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services Thanksgiving Basket Share and the Christmas gift and food basket share programs; 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 a Rhubarb Fest, Ice Cream Socials, and Harvest Supper. Also, the 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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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.

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