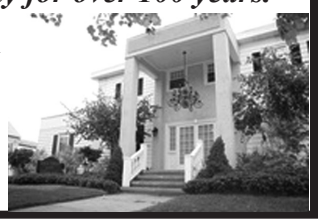
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OBITUARIES



Ellen Bontempo Quintin, entered into eternal rest January 18, 2026. She was 78 years old. Born Ellen Marsha Bontempo on November 10, 1947 in New Haven, CT. Ellen grew up in Hamden surrounded by her large, Italian family. It was while attending SCSU that she met and fell in love with Robert Quintin, her devoted husband of 54 years.

Her most fulfilling was as the mother to her three daughters: Maria (Christopher) Cooper, Christine (Anthony) Tavares and Elizabeth (AJ) DiLullo.

She was Grammy to her six grandsons: William & Alexander Cooper; Derek, Noah & Jackson Tavares; and Anthony DiLullo.

In addition to her husband, daughters, sons-in-law and grandsons, Ellen leaves her sister-in-law, Linda Carubia, who she treasured as a sister, her niece, Lindsay (Gregory) AmEnde, who she loved as a daughter, and her great nephew and niece, Victor and Madison, who she counted among her grandchildren.

She leaves her goddaughter Danielle (Scott) Craig, and her nieces, Alyssa and Briana.

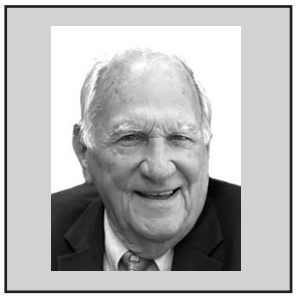
She leaves Shannon McKeon, who she considered to be her fourth and only Irish daughter, and Morgan Dubay, who lovingly referred to her as "Elmo" since toddlerhood and whom Ellen proudly referred to as her granddaughter.

She leaves cousins, extended family and many friends, all of whom were showered in her limitless love.

She is predeceased by her parents (James Bontempo and Ellen Pelosi Bontempo), her in-laws (Victor Quintin and Rose Masi Quintin), and her lifelong friends, Barbara D'Addio and Marie DeMusis.

Should friends desire, we request that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org) in her memory.

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



Kevin Edward Gannon, "Papa", age 84, of Wallingford, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on January 23, 2026. For 63 years, he was the loving husband of Marilyn Scalesse Gannon. Kevin was born October 16,1941 in New York, NY, a son of the late Edward and Loraine Uhen Gannon. Kevin was raised in Wallingford from a very young age and remained a resident until his passing.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by his children; Edward P. Gannon and his wife Theresa of Meriden, David V. Gannon and his wife Nadine of Wallingford, and Kelly G. Franceskino and her husband Tony of Wallingford; his grandchildren, Rose Gannon, Barbara Gannon (Brandon), Kayla Gannon (Nick), Jenna Gannon (Robert), Gianna Gannon, Monica Vumbaco (Rob), and Melissa Franceskino; his great grandson, Geoffrey Brys; his brothers Timothy Gannon (Eileen), Michael Gannon (Evelyn), and Patrick Gannon (Janet), sister-in-law's Cathleen Gannon and Patricia Scalesse along with several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, extended family and friends and his island cat Marmalade who never left his side.

In addition to his parents, Kevin is predeceased by his brother Denis Gannon, his in-laws, Vincent & Mary Scalesse, and his brother-in-law, Charles Scalesse.

Kevin's family would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Elliott Miller and the team at the Cardiac ICU at Yale for the exceptional care they provided.

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

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Sandra Elizabeth (Swol) Glaser, 80, of Wallingford, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on January 19, 2026, at MidState Medical Center in Meriden, with her daughters by her side. Born in Middletown on November 18, 1945, she was the fifth of six children born to the late John and Zaza (Wilcox) Swol.

Sandra is survived by her daughters, Christine (Glaser) Morris and her husband, David of Winsted, and Shelly (Glaser) McNulty of Prospect. She is also survived by her sister, Barbara (Swol) Cappello of North Carolina, and her seven grandchildren: Trevor Aresta, Teresa Aresta, Eireann McNulty, Meaghan McNulty, Shannyn McNulty, Elizabeth Aresta, and Sean McNulty, along with several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her youngest daughter, Stacey (Glaser) Aresta, who passed away in June 2020. Additionally, she is predeceased by her sisters Janet (Swol) Hirsch and Helen (Swol) Malicki, her brothers John and Paul Swol, and her long-term partner Robert J. Donlon. Sandra will be missed by her Thursday night friend group, who fondly referred to her as "Safe Sandy" due to her unexplained luck during their weekly LRC games.

Should friends desire, her family asks that donations in her name be made to Connecticut Foodshare: https://donate.ctfoodshare.org/give/495151/#!/donation/checkout

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Brian M. Murphy, 75, of Hamden, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 16, 2026, at Yale New Haven Hospital with his loving wife by his side. He was born in Queens, NY, on February 1, 1950, and was the son of the late Patrick and Anne McCabe Murphy. Brian was the beloved husband of 19 years to Maureen Sullivan Murphy. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his brothers Dennis Murphy, Michael Murphy (Susan), niece Rose Murphy all of Asheville, NC, niece Megan Baine (Burton) and great niece Ava of Windsor, CO, nephew Adam Kautz, and niece Chloe Murphy-Symmes. He is also survived by his mother in law Mrs. Eleanor Sullivan of Hamden, CT, brother in law William Sullivan Jr. of Somerville, MA, brother in law Daniel Sullivan of Citrus Springs, FL, sister in law Eleanor Biondo (Anthony) of Wallingford, CT, nephew Shannon Sullivan (Marla) of Maitland, FL, nephew Ryan Carone of Zancudo, Costa Rica and several great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings Patricia Murphy, Kevin Murphy, Terence Murphy, and nephew Alan Kautz. Brian is also survived by his beloved dog Coco of seven years.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society by visiting www.cancer.org or an animal shelter of one's choice.

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



Kelly Erin Smalley (Piper), 41, of Wallingford, passed away on January 21, 2026, in New Haven, Connecticut. Born on September 9, 1984, also in New Haven, Kelly brought joy and laughter to those around her throughout her life.

Kelly is survived by her loving husband, Casey Piper of Wallingford; her brother, Stephen D. Smalley Jr., also of Wallingford; her nephew Maddox Smalley; niece Violet Smalley; aunts Denise Benson of Hamden and Dorothy Donarum (John) of Hamden; uncle William Smalley (Martha); aunt Carol Smalley of Oregon; and many loving cousins. She is also survived by her step-children Michael Shea of North Haven, Catherine Shea of Naugatuck, and Christopher Shea of Wallingford. She was also cherished by many dear friends who will miss her deeply and the close-knit group affectionately known as "the Kelly's," who shared countless memories filled with laughter and love.

She was predeceased by her mother, Tara McGuire Smalley, and her father, Stephen D. Smalley Sr., as well as Aunt Carol's late husband Stan.

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Bridget "Patty" Buonocore Stowe, 83, of Wallingford, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, the at Skyview Nursing Center, Wallingford. She was the beloved wife of the late Clifford Stowe. Patty was born in New Haven on November 18th, 1942, and was the daughter of the late Pasquale and Josephine Izzo Buonocore. Patty was predeceased by her son Paul Stowe and sister Norma DeRosa. She is survived by her grandchildren Nicholas, Anna and Angelina Stowe and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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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.



Eric Anthony Richetelli, 36, of Hamden, CT died suddenly at his home on Friday, January 23, 2026. Eric was born in New Haven, CT on November 7, 1986, a son of Marcie (Lublin) Epstein and the late Donald Anthony Richetelli and was a life long Hamden resident.

In addition to his mom, Eric is survived by his step-father David Epstein of Hamden, his sister, Erica Marie Richetelli of Branford, his beloved niece Evanna "Eva" Marie Piris of North Haven, his maternal grandmother Diane (Weiss) Lublin of West Haven, step-sisters, Rebecca and Jennifer, uncles Adam (Robin) Lublin of West Haven and Paul Epstein of Hamden, cousins Joshua, Ryan and Zachary Lublin, his four legged furry best friend Daisy, and many, many loving friends. He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, George Lublin and his paternal grandparents Anthony and Marie (Massaro) Richetelli.

Services were held at the
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