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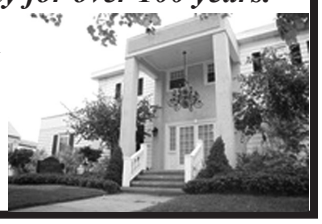

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GOOD GRIEF

Charlie Brown used the expression "good grief!" to show negative emotions like dismay and disappointment. While grief doesn't feel good and often seems unmanageable, positive emotions play an important role in managing negative emotions like grief and depression. In difficult times, there are still ways to promote positive feelings and emotions. Engaging in activities that are meaningful and interesting produces positive emotions, even in times of grief. Bereavement can lead to loss of interest in life, so engaging in almost any safe activity can be helpful. Focusing on what really matters in your life after a loss is another way to promote positivity. Assessing what matters can guide you to meaningful activities that increase positive emotions.

When a loved one dies, grief comes and it needs to be shared. Expressions of sympathy and the offering of yourself to help others following the funeral are welcomed. Your local funeral director can help family and friends locate available resources and grief recovery programs in your area. If you would like to learn more about the services North Haven Funeral Home offers, please call 203-239-1179. You are welcome to visit us at 36 Washington Avenue.

Quote: "Absence makes the heart grow fonder, but it sure makes the rest of you lonely." Charlie Brown

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William R. Brackett, 98, of Apollo Beach, Florida, formerly of Wallingford, Connecticut, beloved husband of Georgiane (Gates) Brackett and the late Carol (Strachan) Brackett, peacefully entered the presence of the Lord on January 22, 2025, at home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Boston on August 11, 1926, Bill was the son of the late Raymond and Alfreda (Goodwin) Brackett and the sixth of eight children. He was the last living member of a beautiful generation. During World War II, Bill proudly served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946. He was a plank owner of the USS Eisner (DE-192) and served aboard the USN Gate Tender YNg-39.

Bill was predeceased by his first love and wife of 68 years, Carol (Strachan) Brackett and his daughter Ruth (Brackett) Copeland. In addition to his wife Georgiane, Bill is survived by his son, William R. Brackett Jr. (Brenda) of Poinciana, FL; his daughters, Susan (Brackett) Clark (Jerome) of Sun City Center, FL; June Brackett (Jim Hart); and Beth (Brackett) Parcells (Robert), all of Wallingford; eleven grandchildren: Susan (Copeland) Burr (Allan); Alicia (Clark) Mancarella (Anthony); Michael Copeland (Renee); Amy Brackett; Caroline (Fahey) McDowell (Shawn); Jessica (Clark) Bratton (Ronald); Erin (Fahey) Reig (Dana); Joshua Clark (Eva); William Parcells; Drew Brackett, and Sarah Parcells; twenty-one great grandchildren, David, Emily, Ryan, Faith, Megan, Kristofer, Paige, Adam, Patrick, Bryan, Noah, Grace, Sarah, Rocco, Isabella, Sophia, Alyssa, Isabella, Mackenzie, Levi, and Marena; 13 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Should friends desire, donations may be made in Bill's memory to Yalesville United Methodist Church or a charity of your choosing.

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Robert J. Wojciechowski, Jr, 45, of Hamden passed away on Saturday, January 25th, 2025. Born in New Haven on September 5th, 1979, he was the beloved son of Patricia Scirocco Wojciechowski and the late Robert J. Wojciechowski, Sr. Father of Robert Wojciechowski III, Dominic Wojciechowski and Olivia Juliano. Brother of Michele Wojciechowski (Tim) and John Wojciechowski (Kim). Grandson to Rosemarie Wojciechowski and the late John Wojciechowski, Annibale and Patricia Scirocco. Also survived by aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. The family would like to extend a special thank you to his aunt Carol Wojciechowski for always being there for him.

Should friends desire,, memorial contributions may be made to The Movember Foundation, an organization focused on men's health issues, https://us.movember.com/

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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Patricia Nancy Pacino, age 72 of North Haven, Connecticut peacefully passed away on Friday, January 24, 2025. Patti was born on January 22, 1953, in Mount Vernon, NY to the late Anthony and Marie Pacino. After spending most of her life in Mount Vernon, Patti later moved to Bronxville NY and most recently lived in North Haven CT to be closer to her family.

She is survived by her beloved sister, Joanne (Ronald) Colavolpe; her cherished nephews, Ronald (Christine) and Michael (Erica); and her adoring great-nephews and great-nieces, Nathan, Isabella, Luca, and Ava and many loving cousins. She was predeceased by her precious fur baby, Chloe, who was the love of her life. Patti had a deep passion for crafts, cooking, and baking, and was particularly known for her delicious brownies and her commitment to carrying on the tradition of "Nanny's" anginettes. A lifelong fan of the New York Yankees, Patti enjoyed watching every game with enthusiasm and loyalty.

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Michael Douglas Black, 76, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on January 18, 2025, in Wallingford, Connecticut. He had recently relocated to Wallingford to be closer to family after spending nearly 30 years in Florida. Michael was born on August 1, 1948 in Rutherfordton, North Carolina, a son to the late James and Sara (Phifer) Black.

Michael is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Angela Black, and his children, of whom he was incredibly proud of his son, Chris Black (Heather) and his daughter Andrea Black, Saki Mizokawa, Japan, who was like a daughter to him. He is also survived by his sister, Sue Grey (Don); his brother, Rick Black (Kathy); his cherished grandson, Spencer Black; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday March 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at The Library Wine Bar and Bistro, 60 N. Main Street, Wallingford, CT.

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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, now thru April 1 or, experience Alpha online on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9pm, now thru- April 9.

All are welcome; registration is required.

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



Pauline R. Blakeslee, age 89, of Wallingford, beloved wife of the late Allen W. Blakeslee passed away peacefully on January 27, 2025, at Whitney Rehabilitation Center in Hamden. Pauline was born in New Haven on December 17, 1935, a daughter of the late Frederick J. and Helen (Oates) Ritzert. She was a resident of Wallingford for over 60 years. Pauline graduated from New Haven State Teachers College. After raising her sons through their young years, she received her Master's Degree in Education, then became a special education teacher in Wallingford for 20 years, retiring in 2001.

Pauline is survived by her three sons, Jeffrey A. Blakeslee of Massachusetts, Scott F. Blakeslee (Sharon) of Maine, and Christopher P. Blakeslee (Stacey) of New Jersey; five grandchildren Sarah (Jeremy) Barrett, Alex, Jordan, Kyra, and Talia Blakeslee; and three great granddaughters Michaela, Chloe, and Emilia Barrett.

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Joan Taylor SanGiovanni, 87, of North Haven, known to many as "Mrs. St. John" passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, January 23rd, 2025 surrounded by her family. She was the beloved wife of 62 years to Anthony SanGiovanni. Joan was born in New Haven on June 3, 1937, and was the daughter of the late William and Elizabeth Eagan Taylor. Loving mother of Paul A. SanGiovanni (Cheryl) and Lynda Kennedy. Very proud, devoted and loving grandmother to Hope Kennedy, Sarah Piscitelli (James), Stephanie Schellenger, Michael SanGiovanni and also to her great grandson Everett Schellenger. Predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law Barbara and Robert Battle.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to The Ronald McDonald House 860 Howard Avenue New Haven, CT 06519.

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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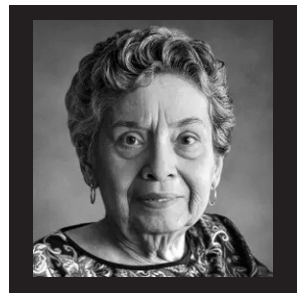
St. Ann's Food Pantry

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.

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, 83 State Street (Kings Acres), North Haven, with payment, correct initials and code number found in lower left corner of prayer.



Emily Velazquez Arroyo, 88, of Hamden, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, January 23, 2025. She was born in New York, NY on September 17, 1936, a daughter of the late Miguel and Emilia (Diaz) Velazquez.

She is survived by her children, Margaret Sein, William Arroyo and his wife, Yolanda, and Jeanette Nazario and her husband, Paul; her grandchildren, Traci-Lei Thomas, Michael Sein, Nelson Arroyo, Stephanie Pinder and Jonathan Nazario; her brothers, Jose Antonio Velazquez and Michael Velazquez; and 5 great-grandchildren; as well as numerous extended family members and beloved friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Luis Arroyo, her daughter, Lucille Arroyo and her sister, Lucila Ortiz.

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Estella A. Sarro Ferraiolo, 94, of Cheshire, formerly of Wallingford, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late Thomas Ferraiolo. Estella was born in New Haven on June 4, 1930, and was the daughter of the late Charles and Anna Ferraiolo Sarro. Mother of Candy Basta and Anna Calderone (Anthony). Stepmother of Annmarie Anastasio (Michael), Thomas Ferraiolo, and Amy Smith (Stephen). Grandmother of Renee, Natalie, Michael, Leanna, Tracy, Angela, Thomas, Paige, Ryan, Harold, Brad, Jason and the late Michelle. Great grandmother of Talia, Gia, Michael, Frankie, Dasia, Anabella and the late Olivia. Great-great grandmother of Aniko.

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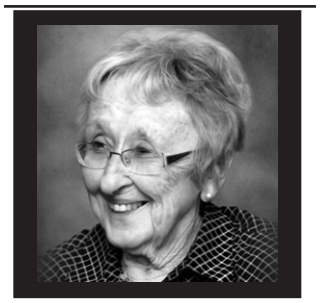

Elizabeth (Betty) Molinari, 92, departed this life on January 27, 2025 at Masonicare in Wallingford, CT. She was predeceased by her beloved spouse Edward Molinari. Betty was born in Middletown, CT on October 5, 1932 to the late William and Lillian (Howe) Butler.

Betty is survived by her five children, Joan (Mark) Piteo; Diane Rogers, Richard (Lorrie) Molinari; Barb Viering and Trisha (Victor) Feldesy. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, friends and her cat, Miki.

Should friends desire, donations can be made to CatTales Rescue in Middletown, CT (cattalesct.org/donate/).

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