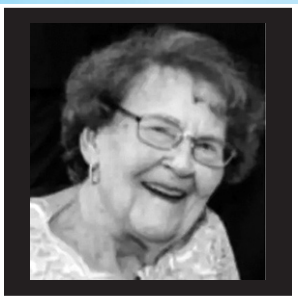
OBITUARIES



Geraldine "Gerry" Gallant (Fogarty) Aiello, best known as "Memmere", 95, of Northford, Connecticut, passed away on 15 February 2025 at her daughter's home in Virginia Beach, Virginia, just 3 days before her 96th birthday. Gerry was born in Rumford, Maine to the late Leo and Cecile (Fraser) Gallant on 18 February 1929. Gerry met Eugene Fogarty at a dance in 1958 and married soon after. In 1959 they bought their first (and only) house together in Northford, CT where they raised their three children, remaining in that house on Forest View Road for 62 years. After Eugene passed away suddenly in 1970, she was left to raise her family alone, eventually meeting and marrying Edward Aiello in 1988.

Gerry was a devoted wife and mother and is survived by her son, John Fogarty (Dona) of Swedesboro, NJ; daughters Theresa Fumiatti (Michael) of Durham, CT., and Susan Whiteman (Eric) of Virginia Beach, VA; stepson Mark Aiello (Joyce) of Hamden, CT; along with 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband's Eugene Fogarty and Edward Aiello; as well as her brother Joseph G. Gallant (Jane).

Should friends desire, make donations to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) or St Ambrose Parish, 30 Caputo Road, North Branford, CT 06471.

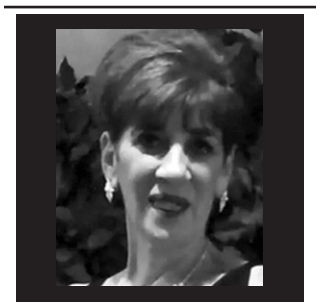
Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
www.northhavenfuneral.com.



Shirley Goodrich Ryan, 89, of Hamden, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at Yale New Haven Hospital with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of 45 years to the late Thomas P. Ryan. Shirley was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on May 19, 1935, and was the daughter of Lester and Esther Maxwell Goodrich. She received her elementary education in North Haven and graduated from Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford. She leaves her sons Mark W. Whipple (Marilyn), Jeffrey S. Whipple, Jonathan D. Whipple (Ann) and her daughter Kimberly Sceggel (Jonathan). She was the stepmother of David Ryan (Joan), Meg Ryan (Steven Howe), John Ryan and the late Jane Ryan. She was the sister of Joan Robinson and the late Gail Murch. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Services will be conducted at a later date. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Hart United, Inc., 72 Washington Avenue, North Haven.

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



Arlene V. "Meme" Santo Fappiano, 68, of Wallingford passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at Village Green of Bristol with her loving family by her side. She was the beloved wife of 34 years to David F. Fappiano. Arlene was born in New Haven on September 8th, 1956, and was the daughter of the late Arthur W. and Josephine A. Petrillo Santo. She was a graduate of Hamden High School. Mother of Kristina Guerrera and Myriah Fappiano (Jordan Gomez). Loving Meme to Derek Perry and Penelope Gomez. Sister of Cynthia Foster (Gregory). She is also survived by her best buddy, her dog Tucker.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association at www.lung.org

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

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.

Lenten Walk

North Haven: Join us for the Lenten Walk as we gather for the Stations of the Cross beginning on March 25th, Tuesdays at 5pm (also April 1, 8 and 15) at the All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum, 700 Middletown Ave. The Walk will continue for 4 weeks ending the Tuesday of Holy week. Please mark your calendar to SAVE THE DATES. There is no registration required.

Please wear "weather-appropriate" clothing. This event will take place outdoors. Walking is of moderate intensity. We will be walking up and down hills and stopping to stand at each Station to pray.

Those interested in taking on a more responsible role, please reach out to Barbara at (203) 780-8418 or email her at bgode@ccacem.org. Visit our website often for any scheduling updates at www.ccacem.org

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!

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.

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.

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.

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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NORTHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
WHERE GOD'S WORD LIVES

Sunday Service

Please join us at Northford Congregational Church, 4 Old Post Road for Sunday Service at 10am.

Visit our Website: northfordcongregational.church

Follow us on YouTube, Tik Tok, Instagram, and Twitter: NCCHSMove

Find us on Facebook: Northford Community Church or Northford Congregational Church.

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2025 Legacy Grandparenting Summit

Liberty Community Church, a North Haven-based congregation, is excited to be the only host sight for this year's Legacy Grandparenting Summit, a simulcast from the in-person conference down in Birmingham, AL.

We know that grandparents play a unique role in the life of their families, often being the second most influential person in the family besides parents of kids. We also believe faith and family structure is important to the success of family health.

Many grandparents reach their retirement years and believe this is their time to relax, but the reality is that many retired people begin to feel lost - unappreciated and unvalued as they get older. This conference seeks to instill purpose and value into the life of an older adult by reminding them of their very influential role. Many of us have some very fond memories of our grandparents that have shaped us as we grew.

If this is of any interest, you can reach out to Erik Havumaki at: erik@libertycommunity.com or to Glenn Havumaki who is running the program: chapglenn@gmail.com.

Glenn was a chaplain at Elim Park in Cheshire for 35 years and has his doctorate in older adult ministry. His experience and expertise will have a great impact on the community as we embark on this journey.

We have also begun a monthly grandparenting gathering led by Glenn to be held at our church the 3rd Sunday of each month. Legacy Grandparenting Summit: https://legacycoalition.com/summit/

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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.

46th Annual Night of Prizes

New Haven: Come join the fun at St. Anthony Society's 46th annual Night of Prizes, (formally known as the Card Party) to be held at St. Anthony Parish Center, 70 Washington Ave., New Haven, on Fri., April 25 at 7pm. Doors open at 6:15pm. Food and beverage available for purchase or you can bring your own.

Admission ticket is $10 which includes coffee, Italian pastry and chance for door prizes. Raffle tickets for sale that night for fantastic prizes and there will also be a 50/50 raffle.

For more information or tickets, please call Anna Simeone, (203) 710-5004. No admission tickets will be sold after Tues., April 22.

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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.

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.

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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Mayor Garrett Appoints Jacqueline James as Economic and Community Development Director

Hamden: Mayor Lauren Garrett has appointed Jacqueline M. James as Economic and Community Development Director, pending Legislative Council approval.

Ms. James received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Bay Path University and further went on to receive her Master of Social Work degree from Springfield College. Ms. James began her career in public service with CT's Department of Children and Families as a Forensic Investigator/Social Worker. For nearly 15 years, Ms. James led investigations, facilitated interviews, and assessed safety concerns to make final determinations and connect individuals with community resources.

Ms. James worked for the City of New Haven's Department of Economic Development for several years where she served in the capacities of Deputy Community Services Administrator (CSA), Director of New Haven's Small Business Service Center, and Deputy Director of Economic Development. During her tenure with the City, Ms. James opened the Small Business Service Center (SBSC), which assists aspiring and current small business owners with business planning, registration, licensing and development, and provides direct access to funding sources.

Through the SBSC, and in collaboration with the Economic Development Corporation of New Haven as well as a graduate of the SBSC's training program, Ms. James organized New Haven's first Food Truck Festival, which attracted over 20,000 attendees and raised money for micro-loan and micro-grant programs administered through the SBSC. Ms. James also opened the Small Business Academy, a first of its kind program that offers courses to future small business owners, start-ups, and existing businesses on how to start, run and grow their business. The Small Business Academy includes a small business incubator that provides office and conference room space and supports for entrepreneurs.

As Director of Community Relations for Retreat Behavioral Health, Ms. James developed and implemented comprehensive public relations campaigns to brand and promote their services, planned events surrounding community initiatives, and compassionately connected the community with services. While working for CT's Department of Public Health as a contractor, Ms. James led and managed outreach functions and identified gaps in COVID-19 resources such as funding, transportation, and testing sites to ensure all communities had access to vaccines and information. Ms. James most recently established the Next Level Empowerment Program, which provides resources, support, and services for formerly incarcerated individuals and their families.

With over 10 years' experience as a local community leader, Ms. James has strategically worked towards the betterment of the community over the course of her career.

Ms. James joined us on Monday, February 10, 2025 as acting Economic and Community Development Director until her appointment is approved by the Legislative Council.

For further information, please contact Deputy Chief of Staff, Alexa M. Panayotakis, at (203) 287-7100 or by email at: apanayotakis@hamden.com.

Probus Launches Shoe Drive Fundraiser

Hamden: The Greater New Haven Probus is now conducting a Shoe Drive fundraiser, through March 11th, supporting those less fortunate in our communities.

Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes by contacting us at Ghnhavenprobus@gmail.com

The Greater New Haven Probus Club was founded in 1921 to help individuals with special needs in our community. We have expanded our efforts to help others by providing assistance for at-risk individuals and families, homeless shelters, veterans, and incoming refugee support groups.

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National Federation of the Blind Seeking Vehicle Donations

Wondering what to do with your old car or truck? Donating your vehicle to the National Federation of the Blind is convenient and may qualify you for a tax deduction.

Call 1-855-659-9314 or visit www.carshelpingtheblind.org.

The National Federation of the Blind uses donated vehicles to distribute free white canes, help blind children access educational services, help blind veterans, and more.

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