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"Ashes to ashes, dust to dust" is a common burial phrase that symbolizes a person's return to the earth. Many practice the symbolic act of tossing dirt onto a casket before it is lowered into the ground. It likely started with ancient Egyptians who placed sand on a body before burial. Jewish tradition calls for adding three spades of dirt or sand to represent the three levels of the soul. Many cultures and religions believe that a person is born of the earth and returns to it when they die, signified by adding the earth to their casket. For non-religious communities, it can connect people to the deceased and each other while offering a gesture of respect, gratitude, or mourning.

Funeral practices are influenced by religious and cultural traditions, costs, and personal preferences. These factors help determine whether the funeral will be elaborate or simple, public or private, religious or secular. To learn about our services, please call 203-239-1179. North Haven Funeral Home is located at 36 Washington Avenue.

Quote: "...we therefore commit this body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life. Book of Common Prayer

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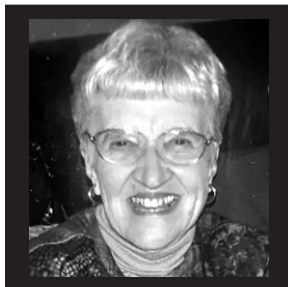
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Mary Margaret Beltramello, 92, of Wallingford, formerly of Hamden, wife of the late Anzio Beltramello, passed away on March 19, 2025, at her residence in Ashlar Village. Born in Meriden on November 21, 1932, Mary was the daughter of the late Anthony and Stephanie (Stankiewicz) Kusza. She married Anzio in 1964, and they shared 59 wonderful years together.

Mary is survived by her nieces and nephew, Laurette Wisniewski of Wallingford, CT, Francine Skalicky of Granby, CT, Suzette Caverly of Bellingham, MA, Nancy Vukelich of Scottsdale, AZ, Tony Kusha of Boise, ID, Kathy Beltramello of Bristol, RI, Carol Hough of Hollis, NH, Ellen Greim of Clinton, CT, Susan Rowe of Naples, FL, Darlene Levy of Pickens, SC, Lois Boling of St Augustine, FL, and Jeannie Beltramello of Hardeeville, SC. Mary also leaves behind many great nieces and nephews and many dear friends over the years. She was predeceased by her husband, Anzio Beltramello, her sister, Barbara Skalicky, her brothers, Anthony Kusha and Edmund Kusha, and her nieces, Marita Tympanick and Diane Gheen.

Should friends desire, please send a donation to the Oblate Sisters Mission: <https://oblatesistersmissions.org/#donate> or Children International: <https://www.children.org>.



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John Eugene Siwinski, 82, of Prospect, CT, formerly of Hamden and North Haven died peacefully on Sunday, March 23, 2025 with his beloved family by his side. He was the beloved husband of sixty four years to Karen Scelzo Siwinski. John was born in North Haven on March 17, 1943, a son of the late John Eugene and Helen (Struzinski) Siwinski, Sr. He grew up in North Haven and resided in Hamden for forty eight years before moving to Prospect seven years ago. In addition to his wife Karen, he is survived by a daughter, Wendy (Bill) Grieger of Bethany, a son, John Eugene (Theresa) Siwinski, III of Panama City, FL, and four grandchildren, Richard "RC" (Audrey) Roberts, Nicholas Siwinski, Madison Grieger and Evan Grieger. He was predeceased by two sisters, Barbara Auscavitch and Elizabeth Boliver.

Services were held at the

**WASHINGTON MEMORIAL
Funeral Home**
North Haven.



Judith A. Proto Iovanna, 82, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Friday, March 21st, 2025, at her home with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late William J. Iovanna, Sr. Judith was born in New Haven on March 3, 1943, and was the daughter of the late Alphonso Proto, Prudence Baldino Proto and Ellen Johnson Proto. Mother of William J. Iovanna, Jr. (Kari) and Christopher Iovanna (Aiveen). Grandmother of Andrew (Maeva), Austin, Alphonso, Stephen and Ainsley Iovanna. Sister of Pamela Peterson (William) and Melanie Turner (James). Sister-in-law of D. Carol DiPietro and the late Ernest DiPietro. Also survived by a niece and nephew.

The family would like to extend a "Special Thank You" to Judith's loving and dedicated nurses Allie Galushko and Lisa Schepisi who were always there for her and to the entire Smilow medical team at Yale New Haven Hospital; also a sincere and heartfelt thank you to her extended family at The Landing of North Haven for all their care, compassion and friendship.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Closer to Free Fund, Smilow c/o Yale New Haven Hospital, Office of Development, P.O. Box 1849, New Haven, CT 06508-1849.

Services were held at the

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David L. Baxley, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2025, at the age of 81. He was surrounded by the love of his family in his final moments.

David was born on January 8, 1944 in Chattanooga, TN. He married the love of his life, Linda Baxley.

David was preceded in death by his mom, Harriette and his dad Albert, and his in-laws Albert and Agatha Goodness. He is survived by his wife Linda, his children David Jr., John and Diane, grandchildren Nicole, Kyle, Alyssa, Shannon, Joseph, Corey and Brooke, great-grandchildren Maliah, Jaxon, Jayla and Quinn, and brother and sister-in-law Richard and Barbara Goodness along with a host of extended family and friends who will miss him dearly.



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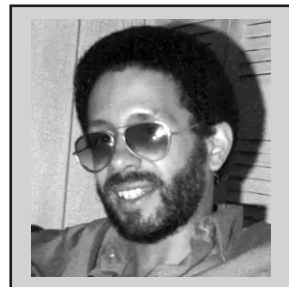
N. Yvonne Dingus, age 85 of Hamden passed away March 20, 2025 at Yale New Haven Hospital / St. Raphael Campus. Yvonne was the widow of Edwin F. Dingus. Born on December 30, 1939 in Starke, Florida she was a daughter of the late James and Mary Virginia (Brantley) Purdee. Yvonne was a resident of Hamden since 1999, moving from Branford.

Yvonne is survived by her daughter Betty L. Heath of Green Ohio; her son Edwin J. Dingus and his wife Michele of Hamden, CT; her grandchildren David M. Heath and his wife Bailey, Brittney Y. Heath and Jacob E. Heath, her great grandchildren Bellamy and Caynan Heath all of Ohio; and her siblings Elaine Kirkland, Janice Sutton, Diane Wall and Chuck Purdee all of Florida. She was predeceased by siblings Leslie Eschol Purdee, Geraldine Woodard, David Purdee, and James Purdee also of Florida.

Should friends desire, contributions in her memory may be made to the Masonic Charity Foundation, 74 Cheshire Road, Wallingford, CT 06492.

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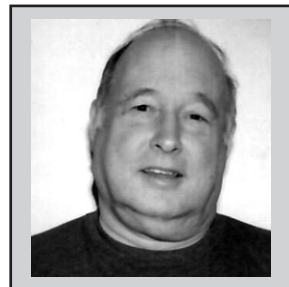


Mike Cano, 75, of Wallingford, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on March 19, 2025. Born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, he was the son of the late Midacrito and Silvia Hall Cano.

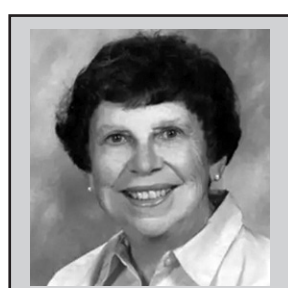
Mike leaves behind his beloved children: Socrates "Alex" Cano - whose name stands as evidence of his father's deep love for philosophy - Tanya Cano Luna, Stephen Cano, Kevin Cano, and Kimberly E. Cano Neagles. He was a proud grandfather to five grandchildren and is also survived by Maria Carson, the mother of his youngest children, and his brothers Carson and Jorge Cano. He was predeceased by his brother Kirk Cano.



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Charles H. "Chuck" Hilton 85 of North Haven, passed peacefully March 16, 2025. Born to Charles and Mary Jermaine Hilton, he was the Loving husband for 62 years to Jean Nadeau Hilton. He is also survived by son Charles (Lea) and daughter Nancy (Joe Braen), 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. Chuck proudly served in the U.S. Army and the CT National Guard. He was a Life Member of Hamden Fish & Game and the NRA.



Helen Cigich Wallace, 96, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Friday, March 21, 2025, at the Guilford House. She was the beloved wife of the late Arthur J. Wallace. Helen was born in Branford on January 30, 1929, and was the daughter of the late Matthew and Anna Zvokovic Cigich. She worked for the SNET Company for 41 years, retiring as a Staff Assistant. Helen was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, the former St. Frances Cabrini Women's Club, North Haven, the North Haven Senior Center and the former New Haveners Senior Center. She was awarded the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation from The Archdiocese of Hartford. Sister of the late Stephen J. Cigich, Anna C. Carrano, Mary Linden, Catherine MacLachlan and Joseph Cigich. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

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Kenneth W. Haynam, 87, of Hamden passed away on March 24, 2025. He was born on September 15, 1937 in Canton, Ohio to the late Weldon O. and Vera J. (McDannel) Haynam. Ken is survived by his four children: Lisa McLean and husband Chris, Cheryl French and husband Stephen, Tim Haynam and wife Michele, Peter Haynam. Four grandchildren: Erin French, Connor French, Liam McLean, Lucas McLean. His sister Barbara Cross and husband Don and brother Larry Haynam and wife Kim.

The family wishes to thank the staff at both Benchmark Senior Living and Whitney Center in Hamden for their kindness and care over the years.

Should friends desire, to donate in memory of Ken should do so to Save the Children (www.savethechildren.org).

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Lenten Walk

North Haven: Join us for the Lenten Walk as we gather for the Stations of the Cross on 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.

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