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Little Ways to Help Plan Your Funeral

Although death is a normal part of life, it creates a burden and stress for your loved ones. Most people have a Will with instructions for their estate, and some pre-pay their funeral expenses. You can also lighten the load by helping with funeral planning. While it involves big decisions like burial versus cremation, choosing a casket or urn, and securing a cemetery plot, advanced planning for the little things shouldn't be overlooked. In addition to your funeral service, officiant, and reception venue, think about the experience you want to create for your guests. Meaningful details include food and drink choices, themes, decorations, readings, music or musicians, photographs and other memorial items, the clothes you'll wear, and people to include.

Death is inevitable, and the more we can have prepared for it, the easier it is for those we leave behind. Pre-need funeral plans can be made at any time and offer many advantages. Funeral homes can help you preplan a funeral for yourself, your spouse, or a parent. For more information, please call 203-239-1179. We are located at 36 Washington Avenue.

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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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NORTHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Sunday Service

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

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OBITUARIES



Karl W. Luschenat, 92, of Wallingford, passed away Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Landing in North Haven where he recently resided. He was the soulmate and loving husband of the late Barbara A. (Betzner) Luschenat of 67 years. Karl was born in New Haven, July 22, 1932, son of the late Julius and Harriet (Schirmeirer) Luschenat. He honorably served in the U.S. Navy.

Karl impacted so many people and will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know him; especially by his children, Kimberly Luschenat, and Karl "Kip" H. Luschenat and his wife Lisa. He was affectionately called "Baba" by his grandchildren, Justin John-Henry DelVecchio and his wife Amanda, Joshua Jaye DelVecchio and his wife Danielle, Tyler Vaughn Luschenat, Ally Hackett and Kelly Hackett; and his great grandsons, Tanner and Mickey DelVecchio. He also leaves many loved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son-in-law, John Lossing; and his brothers, Julius, Wesley and Roy Luschenat.

A special thank you to everyone at the Landing for all of their care and compassion while Karl resided there.

Should friends desire, gifts in his memory may be sent to the Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Rd., Branford, CT 06405.

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Edward Joseph Caso, Sr., 88, of East Haven, CT, formerly of North Haven, CT died peacefully on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Yale-New Haven Hospital, York St. Campus. Ed was born in New Haven, CT on April 27, 1936, a son of the late Edward D. and Prudence (Cusano) Caso. He grew up in Hamden, lived in North Haven for twenty five years and had resided in East Haven for the past five years. He was a proud U.S. Navy Veteran. Ed is survived by his daughter Michelle Caso of Cheshire, his son Edward J. (Cheryl) Caso, Jr. of Cheshire, his longtime loving companion Lenore Carrone of North Haven and her three daughters Diane, Sandra and Kathy, two sisters, Gail Salmon of Charlotte, NC and Joyce (Hon. Salvatore) Diglio of Hamden, six grandchildren, Jordyn (Phillip) Bowman, Lucas Guliuzza, Bria (Ricky) Mangione, Chandler (Erik) Pierson, Noelle (Christian) Valentín and Nadia Caso, and four great-grandchildren, Adaline and Paul Bowman, Delia Mangione and Elsie Pierson. He was predeceased by his daughter Jacqueline Caso.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions in Ed's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 www.stjude.org

Services were held at the
WASHINGTON MEMORIAL Funeral Home
North Haven.

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.

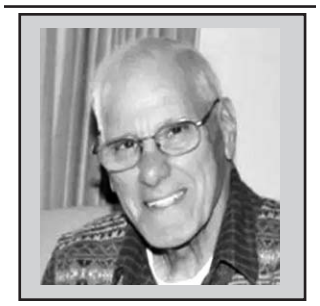


Anthony J. Solecki, 77, of North Haven, CT passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 10th, 2025, at the Grimes Center, New Haven, CT with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of 54 years to Cheryl (Dunn) Solecki. Tony was born in New Haven on April 3, 1948, and was the son of the late Anthony J. Solecki, Sr. and Margaret LoRusso Solecki. Tony served in the Connecticut National Guard. Father of Brian Solecki (Lisa) of North Reading, MA and Steven Solecki (Stacey), of North Haven, CT. Proud grandfather of Matthew, Jessica, Hayden and Madison; brother-in-law of Tom and Rita Dunn and uncle to Melissa, Amy, Erica, Carrie and Nick.

The family would like to extend a "Special Thank You" to all the nurses and staff of the Grimes Center and Connecticut Hospice for their heartwarming compassion and care they extended to Tony.

Should friends desire, contributions in memory of Anthony J. Solecki may be made to the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT 06473 or Connecticut Children's Medical Center, 10 Columbus Blvd, Hartford, CT 06106.

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



Albert P. Creto, 91, 0f Wallingford, loving husband of Gloria (Cichowski) Creto for 60 years, passed into the arms of the Lord on Saturday, April 12, 2025 with his family by his side. Albert was born in Wallingford on December 11, 1933, a son of Nicola and Marianna (Civitillo) Creto. Albert graduated from Lyman Hall High School and then enlisted in the US Air Force and proudly served his country receiving honorable discharge from the US Air Force, a veteran of the Korean War.

In addition to his wife, Gloria, he is survived by his children, Albert N. Creto and his wife, Cassandra (Vorisek) of Hollis, NH; his daughter, Cassandra Matteo and her husband, Michael, of So. Glastonbury; his grandchildren, Erica and Michael Matteo and Isabelle Creto; his sister-in-law, JoAnne Cichowski; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Katherine Arisco, Helen Badamo and Barbara McFarlane.

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Maria Christina Iacobelli Perfetto, 88, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 16th, 2025, at her home with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of 69 years to Pasquale Perfetto. Maria Christina was born in Cusano Mutri, Province of Benevento Italy on July 21, 1936, and was the daughter of the late Domenico A. and Maria A. Amato Iacobelli. Mother of Anthony (Louise) Perfetto, John (Lori Cifarelli) Perfetto and Concetta"Tina"Criscola. Grandmother of Anthony (Ashley) Perfetto, Jr., Christina (Michael) Colandrea, Michael and Alex Perfetto, Marco and Juliana Criscola. Great-Grandmother of Ciana and Emma Colandrea, and Sofia Perfetto. Sister of Bibiana Maturo, Beatrice (Donald) Deloge, John (Marybeth) Iacobelli and the late Italo, Pietro and Biagio Iacobelli. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Predeceased by her brother-in-law Dino Maturo.

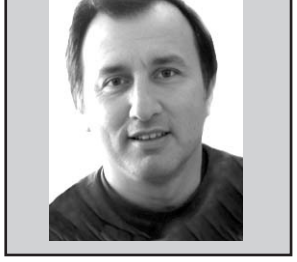
Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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Neil Hogan, passed away peacefully on April 10, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Neil was born in Clifton Springs, NY on May 20, 1936. He was the son of Edward and Mildred Hogan of Shortsville, NY. He resided in Wallingford CT for most of his life. He was a veteran, serving with the U.S. Army in Korea.

Neil is survived by 2 daughters, Tracey (Bill) Petit and Maureen (Bob) Reed, 7 grandchildren: Kelly, Jeff and Nicki Petit and Brendan, Connor, Katie, and Keera Reed; and one great grandchild Nova Coyle. He is also survived by sister-in-law Katherine (Ken) Spencer, brother-in-law Vincent (Jo Ann) McAvoy, brother-in-law Thomas (deceased) and Lonnie McAvoy and also several nieces and nephews. Neil is predeceased by his wife, Elaine (McAvoy), and his sister Patricia Hogan.

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Leonard "Lenny" Young, Jr., who left us peacefully on April 15, 2025, at the age of 68 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born on February 2, 1957, to Leonard Sr. and Gloria (Mugni) Young, Lenny was a longtime Hamden resident.

He is survived by his loving siblings, Joyce Young of Prospect, Michael Young (Karen) of Southington and Dean Young (Amy) of Cheshire, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, as well as numerous extended family. He also leaves behind many longtime friends, and a community of grateful pet owners who entrusted their beloved animals to his care.

Should friends desire, the family kindly requests donations be made to "GimmeShelterHamden.org" to help complete the animal shelter in Lenny's memory.

Services were held at the BEECHER BENNETT
www.beecherandbennett.com.



Gloria Steward, age 99, of Wallingford, peacefully passed away on April 12, 2025 at the Connecticut Baptist Home. For 73 years, she was the loving wife of the late Robert L. Stewart. Gloria was born in New Haven, CT on August 11, 1925, the daughter of the late Mario and Theresa Pascale Malavasi.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan E. Hentz and her husband Bernard, and Gweneth A. Cancel and her husband Chico; her grandsons, James Overly and his wife Maria, and Robert Cancel, and many nieces and nephews.

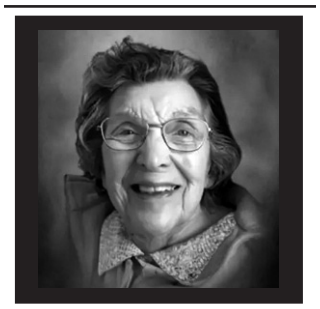
In addition to her parents and husband, she is also predeceased by her siblings, Dorothy Farcasso, John Malavasi, Robert Malavasi, Albert Malavasi and Patricia Coughlin.

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Florence Vanacore D'Errico, 78, of North Haven, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 14, 2025, at the Hamden Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. She was the beloved wife of the late Nick D'Errico III. Florence was born in New Haven on June 25, 1946, and was the daughter of the late Michael and Carmela Esposito Vanacore. She is survived by her son Nick D'Errico IV, daughter-in-law Jennifer D'Errico, her beloved granddaughter Mia, and her sister Loretta Vanacore Pace. Florence is predeceased by her siblings Celeste Suffredini, James R. Vanacore, Carmela Vanacore, and Michael C. Vanacore.

Services were held at the NORTH HAVEN FUNERAL HOME
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Barbara Hocking, 100, departed this life on April 12, 2025, at the Masonic Healthcare Center. She was the beloved wife of the late James Hocking. Barbara was born in Wallingford on May 22, 1924, to the late Russell and Effie (Scranton) Harrison. Until her retirement, Barbara was a schoolteacher in the Wallingford Public Schools. She was a lifelong resident of Wallingford and was a member of the Yalesville United Methodist Church.

Barbara is survived by her daughters: Patricia Baber (Gary) of Acworth, NH and Gail Bighinati of Yalesville; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Irving Harrison.

Should friends desire, contributions may be directed to the Yalesville United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

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