

## Obituaries

### Jeffrey E. Pyzynski, IT specialist at UConn Health Center

Jeffrey "Jeff" E. Pyzynski, 50, of Bristol husband of Susan (Bridgman) Pyzynski, died Wednesday, Jan. 27 after a long battle with cancer, at John Dempsey Hospital, Farmington.

He was born in New Britain on March 12, 1959 and was the son of Edward and Florence (Shilosky) Pyzynski. He resided in Bristol for the past 26 years and was employed at the UCONN Health Center as an

IT Specialist. He previously worked for Moore Medical Corp in New Britain.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by two daughters, Sarah Pyzynski of Farmington and Kristine Pyzynski of Virginia; a sister, Kim Romano of Plainville; several nieces and nephews including Taylor and Ashley Romano of Plainville, Lisa, Steven, and Kelly Bridgman, all of Bristol, along with several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were Monday Feb. 1 at Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Peacedale Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Wade's World Foundation, 173 French St., Bristol, CT 06010.

www.FunkFuneralHome.com

### Cindy L. Dougherty, hairdresser

Cindy L. Dougherty, 50, of Bristol, passed away on Thursday Jan. 28 after a battle with cancer. She was the wife of Daniel Dougherty.

She was born on July 26, 1959, in Bristol to the late Robert and Genevieve (Wells) Matthews. She was raised in Burlington, moving to Bristol with her husband and family. She was a hairdresser by trade, and more recently was employed with Victorinox in the West Farms Mall.

Along with her husband, Daniel Dougherty of Bristol, she leaves two daughters Holly Buttero of South Windsor, and Heidi Dougherty of Evans Mills, NY; 10 brothers Robert, Charlie, Paul, Norman, Michael, Don, Edward, John, Arthur and William Matthews; and three sisters, June and Laura Matthews and Joan Dufresne, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by

her three sisters Genevieve Blaschke, Susan Shamber and Mary Matthews.

A celebration of her life was held on Monday, Feb. 1 at O'Brien Funeral Home 24 Lincoln Ave. Bristol.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Francis Hospital Oncology Dept., 114 Woodland St. Hartford, CT 06105.

For online condolences, please visit [www.obrien-funeralhome.com](http://www.obrien-funeralhome.com)

### Virginia D. Nelson, longtime Bristol resident

Virginia D. Nelson, 76, of Bristol, wife of William H. Nelson, died Sunday, Jan. 24 at Bristol Hospital.

She was born Nov. 14, 1933 in New Haven, daughter of the late Albert and Mary (Kelly) Sedon. She was a longtime resident of Bristol.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her son, Matthew Nelson of Bristol; her two daughters, Janice Malley of Bristol and Beth

Bourret of Bristol; her two grandchildren, Erin Malley of Bristol and Patrick Bourret of Bristol; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two brothers, John Sedon and Albert Sedon, Jr.

Funeral services were Jan. 28 from the O'Brien



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Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Forestville, to St. Gregory Church, Bristol, for a Mass of Christian Burial. The committal service followed in the Holy Family Chapel Mausoleum at St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol.

Memorial donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111.

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### A special guest appearance?

At Saturday's 'Central's Got Talent' competition at Bristol Central High School, Miranda Bishop took second place for her Lady Gaga medley.

### Bristol girl holding fundraiser to help ARF

A 13-year-old from Bristol, Alyscia Talbot has made a pledge to the animals of our state, "I will help you find a safe place and loving homes." She has been working diligently for the last two years doing just that. She prides herself on educating people about the many area shelters and the need for intervention when animal abuse or neglect is suspected. She has recently begun working with area animal control officers to bring her PAW Pledge to school children as well. But her true focus is on raising money and supplies through Alyscia's PET Project. Alyscia's PET Project is now a group of area middle schoolers, who share Alyscia's concern for animals and have banded together to raise money for

the Animal Rescue Foundation of Terryville.

The Animal Rescue Foundation of Terryville was destroyed last November by a fire that displaced all of the animals in their care to foster homes and other shelters. This facility is desperately needed as they not only take in strays but help sick or injured animals so that they may one day be placed in a loving home. There are more than 200 shelters in this state alone housing thousands of cats, dogs and the like. Most of these shelters have very little in terms of cash stores so when the fire hit in Terryville, it could have destroyed more than the facility, it could have extinguished the dream of this 38 year old organization. Fortunately, the volunteer

board took up the challenge and has been holding fundraisers and awareness events since the fire.

Alyscia Talbot has been selected to help add a teen voice to their charge. She not only holds various fundraisers through her PET Project, she also volunteers at events held by ARF.

Alyscia's PET Project will be holding a Pasta Dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at Virtu Restaurant and Bar at 1986 East Main Street, here in Waterbury.

The dinner will run from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and must be pre-purchased at one of the following locations: Virtu Restaurant and Bar, Eagle Cleaners in Wolcott, Farmingbury Floral of Wolcott and Peter Fredrick's Salon of Forestville.

### Library issues reading challenge to children

The Children's Department at the Bristol Public Library challenges all children to read three books in February for the Winter Olympics of Reading.

For every three books a child reads, he/ she earns an Olympic Gold Medal. Children are encouraged to

read as many books as possible throughout the month of February.

All Winter Olympic readers can pick up a reading log at the Children's Information desk the first week of February so that we can keep track of the books read and medals won.

The program is free and open to all.

For more information about the Winter Olympic of Reading, please call the Children's Department at the Bristol Public Library at (860) 584-7787 ext. 2021.

### Bristol ARC helps celebrate Valentine's Day

In time for Valentine's Day, Bristol ARC's Growing Center at 621 Jerome Ave., Bristol is selling a wide selection of flowering plants, including cyclamen, primroses, African violets, mini roses and begonias.

On Friday, Feb. 12, the Dining Room special is

baked stuffed shrimp. Reservations are required.

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