

## Obituaries

### Walter Siel, retired branch manager at CBT in Bristol

Walter Siel, 79, widower of Florence (Zaino) Siel died Sunday, Aug. 15 in Farmington.

He was born Jan. 6, 1931 in Bristol and was a son of the late Karl and Emilie (Selnau) Siel. He was a lifelong resident of Bristol. He was a branch manager of the former CBT Bank in Bristol before his retirement. He was a member of

Immanuel Lutheran Church, a former chairman of the Commission on Aging, and active at the Bristol Senior Center where he put in many, many hours as a volunteer. He served in the U.S. Navy.

He leaves two brothers, George Siel of Thomaston, and Edwin Ortman of Winsted. He also leaves a very dear friend Mildred

Dow of Bristol.

Funeral services were private. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. DuPont Funeral Home, 25 Bellevue Ave., Bristol is in charge of arrangements. Donations may be made to the Bristol Senior Center, 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT 06010.

[www.dupontfuneralhome.com](http://www.dupontfuneralhome.com).

### Geraldine G. Pelletier, worked for General Electric

Geraldine G. Pelletier, 66, of Bristol, died on Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in Southington.

She was born in Eagle Lake, ME on Dec. 2, 1943 and was a daughter of the late Leo and Louise Parent. A Bristol resident since 1962, she also formerly lived in Wallagrass, ME and Fort Kent, ME. She worked for General Electric. She was member of the Franco American Club of Bristol, where she tended the bar.

She is survived by three sons, John Dube of

Southington, Brian Dube of Torrington and Donald Vidito of Bakersfield, CA; two daughters, Angela Dube of Camdenton, MO, and Sheila Dube of Terryville; a brother, George Pelletier of Madawaska, ME; two sisters, Maxine Labbe of Eagle Lake, ME, and Pauline Morneault of Fort Kent, ME; 11 grandchildren; her long-time friend and companion; Norman Pelletier; and several nieces and nephews.



Pelletier

She was predeceased by her husband, Leonard Dube, Jr., a brother, Fred Pelletier, and a sister, Joanne Dionne.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, Aug. 26 at St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave., Forestville. Burial was at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

[www.FunkFuneralHome.com](http://www.FunkFuneralHome.com).

### J. Alphonse 'Al' Roy, Jr., owned former Avenue News

J. Alphonse "Al" Roy, Jr., 77, of Bristol, died Sunday, Aug. 22.

He was born in Bristol on June 4, 1933 and was a son of the late J. Alphonse Roy, Sr. and Eugenie (Lavoie) Roy. He resided in Bristol all his life and prior to retiring, he owned the former Avenue News. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran

of the Korean War and member of St. Ann Church, Bristol.

He is survived by a brother, Paul Roy; a sister, Rita Kenyon both of Bristol and 26 nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian



Roy

Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at St. Ann Church, Bristol.

Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Ann Church, 180 Laure Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

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### Victoria Rose Kucinkas, retired bank teller

Victoria Rose (Embros) Kucinkas, 88, of Terryville, widow of Donald Kucinkas, died Friday at the Bristol Hospital.

She was born March 22, 1922 in Terryville, CT. She was the daughter of the late Benny and Anna (Gromala) Embros and had lived in Terryville all of her life. Prior to her retirement, she worked as a teller at the Webster Bank of Terryville. She was a communicant of St. Casimir Church, Terryville, member of the

Women's Guild of the church, a former Girl Scout leader and was also a literacy volunteer.

She leaves her sons, Daniel Kucinkas of Terryville, David Kucinkas of Tulsa, OK, Andre Kucinkas of Bristol; her daughter, Diane Quimby of New Milford; her grandchildren, Jonathan, Marissa and Jordan Quimby, David and James Kucinkas; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 30 at the

Scott Funeral Home, 169 Main St., Terryville to St. Casimir Church, Terryville for a Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Terryville. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be to the Plymouth Community Food Pantry, 20 Dewey Ave., Terryville, CT 06786.

[www.scottfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.scottfuneralhomeinc.com)

### Pauline L. Ladzinski, born in Bristol

Pauline L. Ladzinski, 92, formerly of Bristol, died on Wednesday Aug. 25 at St. Camillus Health Center, Stamford.

She was born on Nov. 17, 1917 in Bristol, a daughter of the late Michael and Alexandra (Wysocki) Lozinski.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Uta Laschet, Cheryl Riccio, Anthony Ladzinski and Kai Ladzinski; her great grandchildren,

Zachary Ladzinski, Frank Riccio, Jr., Michael Ladzinski, Leia Laschet and Vincent Laschet.

She was predeceased by her three sons, Paul Ladzinski, Jr., Joseph Ladzinski and Michael Ladzinski; her five brothers, John, Anthony, Stanley, Frank and Joseph and her two sisters, Mary and Gina.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Aug. 30 from O'Brien Funeral

Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Forestville, to St. Stanislaus Church, West St. Bristol, for a Mass Christian Burial. Burial followed at St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol.

Memorial donations in Pauline's memory may be made to: Make a Wish foundation of Connecticut, 126 Monroe Turnpike, Trumbull, CT 06611.

[www.obrien-funeralhome.com](http://www.obrien-funeralhome.com)

### Todd M. Holmes, graduated Wolcott High

Todd M. Holmes, 46, of Bristol, died on Friday, Aug. 27 at Bristol Hospital.

He was born in Bristol on Dec. 13, 1963 and was a son of Dorothy (Archambeault) Holmes of Bristol and the late William R. Holmes, Sr. He was raised in Wolcott where he graduated from Wolcott High School before moving to Bristol.

In addition to his mother, he leaves two sisters, Robin Hislop of Southington and Michelle Holmes of Bristol; two brothers, Randall and Scot Holmes of Bristol; and a niece, Sarah Hislop.



Holmes

He was predeceased by two brothers, William R. Holmes, Jr. and David Holmes.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, Aug. 31 at St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol.

Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, is in care of arrangements

[www.FunkFuneralHome.com](http://www.FunkFuneralHome.com).

## Commemorating the end of World War II Historical Society presents program with DAR

World War II veterans are invited to attend and participate in a three-day commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II.

The event will begin at the Waterbury/Oxford airport (Exit 16, I-84) on Friday, Sept. 10.

Three World War II combat aircraft are expected to arrive between 12:30 and 1:30 pm.

The planes are a four-engine B-17 flying fortress bomber, a four-engine B-24 Liberator bomber, and a P-51 Mustang fighter.

All World War II veterans are invited to attend, without an admission charge, and are encouraged to bring military service memorabilia such as photos and records relating to their participation. Veterans who served as crew members on combat aircraft are encouraged to bring maps, photos and items used during com-



A promotional photograph for the commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II, which will be held Sept. 10 at Waterbury/Oxford airport.

bat missions.

Several prisoner of war (POW) veterans are expected to describe their experiences parachuting out of damaged aircraft and internment in POW camps.

The public is encouraged to attend and to bring their children to this historic event where meeting members of the "greatest generation" (as described by news anchor Tom Brokaw) is still possible with veterans aged 85 to 90-plus years. Veterans will be seated at tables

under the wings of the aircraft on display.

Air crew veterans are asked to call Walter Hushak, at (860)276-0749, indicating their interest to participate.

The event is sponsored by the Collings Foundation. Walkthrough tours are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years and younger.

These tours will be conducted on Friday, Sept. 10 from 2 to 5 p.m., on Sept. 11 and 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Monday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Bristol Historical Society presents the story of Katherine Gaylord on Thursday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.

Join Lee McFadden and other members of the Bristol Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) to learn of Katherine's story of war and endurance in the 1700s. Katherine Cole was born in Harwinton, Connecticut, on Nov. 28, 1745. She married Aaron Gaylord about 1763 and moved to New Cambridge, now known as Bristol. Aaron served as a lieutenant in the

Continental Army. He is believed to have been at the Battle of Bunker Hill. After his service, the family moved to Wyoming in eastern Pennsylvania.

In July of 1778, a large number of Indians with British soldiers massacred the small militia from the fort. That night, after hearing of her husband's death, Katherine took their three small children and escaped from the fort. For weeks they traveled, mostly on foot, back to Connecticut braving Indians, weather, hunger, and fatigue. The

## Register now for Bristol TEC adult classes

Apprenticeship and Extension Courses for the State of Connecticut Adult Education Evening School Division at Bristol Technical Education Center will be starting the week of Sept. 20.

Registration dates are Sept. 7, 8, and 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 431

Minor St., Bristol.

Courses offered include apprenticeship training in: Electrical Code 1, Electrical Theory 1, HVAC/R, Sheet Metal, Welding, Heating and Cooling, Air Conditioning and Brazing, Cutting and Metallurgy. The school also is offering blueprint read-

family made it back to Katherine's father's house where she lived until she was 95 years old.

The Bristol Historical Society is located at 98 Summer St. Attendance is limited to 100 people. Admission is free for members; \$4 for non-members.

The drawing for the Star of Bristol quilt will be held at 8 p.m. Additional raffle tickets will be sold from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ticket holders need not be present at the time of drawing.

ing, HVAC math, welding, CNC, Machine Theory I, Mastercam X, International Mechanical Code and Related Codes & Standards.

You may also view detailed course offerings at [www.cttech.org/bristol](http://www.cttech.org/bristol) or call (860)-584-8433 Ext. 380.