



## Craig B. Henrici

July 18, 1953 - October 24, 2018

Craig B. Henrici, former mayor of Hamden, passed away peacefully at home with his wife by his side on October 24th after a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 65. He grew up in Hamden and was a National Honor Student and proud graduate of Hamden High School. Craig was a star hockey player and part of the HHS team that won the 1971 State Hockey Championship. He attended Middlebury College and graduated from what is now Quinnipiac Law School. Craig practiced law in both Wallingford and Hamden for over 30 years.

Craig served sixteen years on the Town Council and served as Council President for fourteen years. He was a State Representative and served two terms as Mayor of the town he loved. Craig was instrumental in creating the Town Center Park and Hamden's Farmers Market in the Town Center. He will also be remembered for reforming the town's pension plan. Craig was responsible for the renovation of the Hamden Town Hall and the construction of the new Police Department. He went on to serve as the Executive Director of the Connecticut Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities.

Craig developed a well-earned reputation for fairness and approachability. He was known for his subtle wit and thoughtful demeanor. He truly understood what it was like to be part of a community. Craig served on the Hamden Chamber of Commerce and was Board Chairman from 2012-2014. He was a life-long and active member of the Mount Carmel Congregational Church.

He is survived by his loving and beloved wife of almost 40 years, Lauren (Molloy), and their three cherished children, Luke and his wife Megan-Marie of Ashfield, MA, Jillian and her husband Benjamin Lassel of South Boston, MA, and Timothy of Hamden.

Craig is also survived by a brother, Paul, and sister-in-law Carol, of Tucson, AZ, a brother, Ken, and sister-in-law Meryl, of North Haven, and a sister Phyllis, of Los Angeles, CA. His brother Jack and sister Elaine predeceased him, as did his parents, Jack and Elaine. Craig also had many nieces and nephews, and great-nephews, who adored him and

mourn his passing. He cherished the Molloy family who will miss him dearly. Craig was loved and will be remembered by his many loyal and longtime friends.

The family would like to extend their utmost gratitude for the compassionate and excellent care provided by both Smilow Cancer Hospital and Connecticut Hospice. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to assist in the fight against pancreatic cancer. Please make donations to PanCan-Team Henrici at <http://support.pancan.org/goto/TeamHenrici>

Funeral service will be held Monday, Oct. 29th at 11:00 am in the Mt. Carmel Congregational Church, 3284 Whitney Ave., Hamden. Interment will follow in Central Burying Ground (Centerville Cemetery), Hamden. Calling hours at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden will be Sunday, Oct. 28th from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. To leave an online memorial visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com). (Photo credit to Hearst Connecticut Media)

# Cemetery

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**Central Burying Ground (Centerville Cemetery)**

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# Events

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**OCT 28** **Calling hours** 02:00PM - 06:00PM

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Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT, US,  
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**OCT 29** **Funeral service** 11:00AM

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Mount Carmel Congregational Church  
3284 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT, US

# Comments

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“ Craig was President of the Legislative Council when I was employed as Administrator of Planning and Zoning. My first assignment was to prepare, present and defend a departmental budget before the Council. Some of the Council members were a bit harsh, but I will never forget Mr. Henrici's professionalism and kindness. He was truly a Gentleman--with the emphasis on the word gentle. God bless his soul. I am so sorry he was so sick and died so young. May God comfort his family.

Antoinette Leopoldina Oliveira

Antoinette L. Oliveira - November 05, 2018 at 04:47 PM

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“ I first met Craig when he was a DDS hearing officer and he gave me my first eligibility hearing win. He was extremely fair and thoughtful in his decision. Fast forward several years to 2017 and I was pleasantly surprised to find him appointed to leadership at my former agency, P&A, where I had the pleasure of serving under his leadership. Craig, you are missed very much; your kindness, gentleness, and humility are certainly missed in this world.

Paulette Annon - October 28, 2018 at 09:47 AM

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“ Memory eternal!

Lew Nescott - October 27, 2018 at 10:50 AM

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“ I will always remember the warmth of Craig's smile, and the way he always asked how my family was doing with genuine interest every time our paths crossed. His intelligence, empathy, and desire to serve infused everything he did. As Hamden's mayor and as a private person, Craig was all about care and community. He will be deeply missed.

Laura Hurwitz - October 27, 2018 at 08:06 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Craig B. Henrici.



October 26, 2018 at 09:44 PM

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“ So many memories, an amazing man!



**Kate** - October 26, 2018 at 01:38 PM

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**Sisk Brothers Funeral Home** - October 26, 2018 at 10:18 AM

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“ Years ago when he was Mayor, he helped me when my car ran out of gas. Despite that I had told a police officer that was conducting a speed trap on the same road, when I came back with gas the car had been towed. I had to walk several miles to get my car and was charged nearly \$200 by the towing company. As soon as I got my car I went directly to Craig's office. He did not know me but took one look at me, disheveled and crying, and had me sit down in his office. He asked me what was wrong and how he could help me. He comforted me and in the end, called the chief of police while I was there. He told the police chief to call me and apologize, Craig had the town reimburse me for the towing. I did not expect any of it to happen, but it did. He advocated for me, and was genuinely concerned about my well being. I will never forget his kindness and support that day as well as his outrage that I had been treated so badly by the town. I am deeply saddened by his death and offer my condolences to his family and friends.

Laura Gould



Laura Gould - October 26, 2018 at 12:28 AM

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“ I often think about the great times the Weigandt crew always had in CT. Though the years took us on different paths, I always considered Craig a great friend

Bud Weigandt

Charles Weigandt - October 25, 2018 at 03:59 PM

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October 25, 2018 at 03:55 PM

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“ Heartfelt condolences to the Henrici family.

Ann Celone

Ann Celone - October 25, 2018 at 02:37 PM

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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Craig B. Henrici.



October 25, 2018 at 01:28 PM

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“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Craig B. Henrici.



October 25, 2018 at 01:19 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Craig B. Henrici.



October 25, 2018 at 12:11 PM